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1852	10-21-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	5	—	NY FILE 100-37158
1853	10-21-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	1	
1854	10-25-55	DE LETTER TO NY	1	1	
1855	10-25-55	SL SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
1856	10-27-55	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1857	10-27-55	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	
1858	10-28-55	WFO LETTER TO NY	2	2	
1859	10-28-55	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	—	BUFILE 100-404849
1860	10-31-55	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1861	11-2-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1862	11-2-55	BA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1863	11-10-55	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	

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1864	11-14-55	DL REPORT	18	13	
1865	11-14-55	DL LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1866	11-15-55	NY LETTER TO NH	2	2	
1867	11-15-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1868	11-15-55	NY LETTER TO CG	1	0	
1869	11-15-55	HQ AIRTEL TO BS	1	1	
1870	11-15-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1871	11-15-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
1872	11-16-55	CT LETTER TO HQ	7	3	
1873	11-16-55	HQ LETTER TO WFO	1	1	
1874	11-22-55	SF REPORT	13	12	BUFILE 65-58236
1875	11-23-55	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	



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1876	11-25-55	SF LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1877	11-28-55	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	9	7	
1878	11-28-55	SA MEMO TO SAC/WATT.	2/1	1/1	NY FILE 100-37158
1879	11-29-55	POST OFFICE LETTER TO 3RD PARTY	1	-	REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY
1880	11-30-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1881	12-1-55	SL SA MEMO TO SAC	5	4	
1882	12-2-55	HQ LETTER TO NK	1	1	
1883	12-5-55	BA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1884	12-5-55	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1885	12-5-55	PH SA MEMO TO SAC	9	4	
1886	12-15-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1887	12-19-55	WFO LETTER TO NY	3	3	

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1888	12-20-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1889	12-21-55	SA MEMO TO SAC/W ATT.	2/2	4	
1890	12-21-55	SA MEMO TO SAC/W ATT.	1/1	2	
1891	12-21-55	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
1892	12-22-55	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1893	12-23-55	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1894	1-4-56	N4 LETTER TO HQ	1	-	BUFILE 65-58236
1895	1-9-56	SE REPORT	5	5	
1896	1-10-56	DE LETTER TO N4	1	1	
1897	1-17-56	N4 LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1898	1-18-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1899	1-18-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	

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1900	1-18-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1901	1-18-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1902	1-20-56	HQ AIRTEL TO NK	1	1	
1903	1-20-56	PH REPORT	14	14	
1904	1-20-56	HQ LETTER TO SL	1	1	
1905	1-20-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1906	1-23-56	SL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1907	1-24-56	SL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1908	1-26-56	MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
1909	1-26-56	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	0	
1910	1-26-56	HQ AIRTEL TO MM	1	1	
1911	1-27-56	SL AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	

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1912	1-30-56	SL AIRTEL TO NY	1	1	
1913	1-31-56	SF LETTER TO HQ	3	0	
1914	2-2-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1915	2-3-56	SA MEMO TO SAC <sup>W</sup> ATT.	1/4	5	
1916	2-7-56	CV REPORT	16	16	
1917	2-8-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0	
1918	2-8-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	5	0	



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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety,  
under (b)(1) as it has been classified pursuant  
to Executive Order 11652 as it contains  
information which would disclose an intelligence  
source. This serial bears the Classification  
Officers number [REDACTED]

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-341 (#20-13)) DATE: 10/21/55  
 FROM : SA RICHARD A. BLACKBURN  
 SUBJECT: CP, USA  
 District #2  
 New York Division  
 (Queens County CP)  
 IS-C

Source: [REDACTED]  
 Reliability:

b1  
 This informant has furnished reliable information in the past and a T-symbol must be used to protect his identity.

Date and/or Description of Activity:

Date Received:  
 Location:

[REDACTED] b1  
 100-26603, Exhibit # 1A.65-06

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 The 1955 Registration Tabulation Sheet was photostated on 9/21/55 and returned to the informant on the same date.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: October 25, 1955

FROM : *cus* SAC, Detroit (100-20938)SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

Enclosed herewith is a photographic copy of a letter from the captioned organization, 1050 6th Avenue, New York, New York, which is dated August 22, 1955.

This item was furnished to the Detroit Office by CSDE 541-S\* on September 23, 1955. According to this Source, the original of enclosed letter had been directed to the CRC of Michigan, 918 Charlevoix Building, Detroit, Michigan. One copy of this enclosure has been filed in Detroit File 100-23250-1B7.

The above is being furnished for your information.

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

AIRTEL

NY, 10/27/55

BUREAU

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE;  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

Info furnished by BA 919-S\* was utilized in a summary report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON at NY, 4/28/53, captioned as above. By let dated 10/10/55, Bureau requested info concerning identity of above informant. If he is an active, paid informant, merely state such. If not an active, paid informant, state individual's name, current address and telephone number, brief biographical sketch including informant activity, if any, all derogatory data, and a statement as to informant's availability and willingness to testify.

Baltimore requested to expedite submission of above info to Bureau and NYO.

KELLY

3-BUREAU (100-387835)(RM)  
1-BALTIMORE (100-15241)(RM)

PHS:LSW (7-2)  
100-107111

(6) 1-Supervisor B. J. CONNELL, 7-2

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: October 27, 1955

FROM : *gnd* Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

ReBulet October 10, 1955, instructing the New York Office to furnish certain information concerning Confidential Informant T-261 in the report of Special Agent John A. Harrington dated April 28, 1953, at New York, and to furnish certain administrative pages in connection with this report.

Bufiles fail to reflect the receipt of this data from your office and you are instructed to submit same at once.

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ADM. ASST.  
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OFF. OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFF. OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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*X in mail  
NY only want out  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 10/28/55

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.  
IS-C; ISA 1950  
(OO: New York)

[REDACTED] b1  
WFO fisur conducted on 10/18-19/55 by SAs C. BENJAMIN FULTON, FRANCIS VICTOR GARDNER, RAYMOND L. O'KELLY, and HARMON J. OGREN determined that ABE BLOOM discharged a passenger at the Carroll Arms Hotel, Washington, D. C., following a meeting at 930 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on 10/18/55 at which SYLVIA BERNSTEIN was present.

[REDACTED] (protect identity at his request), the Carroll Arms Hotel, on 10/19/55 advised SA OGREN that AARON D. SCHNEIDER of 1050 - 6th Avenue, New York, New York, checked in at his hotel at 1:30 p.m. on 10/18/55 and checked out at 1:00 p.m. 10/19/55; he occupied Room 416. (It is noted that the National Office of the NCSJRC is at 1050 - 6th Avenue, New York City.) The following telephone calls were placed from Room 416 on the dates indicated below (information regarding numbers obtained [REDACTED] by SA OGREN on 10/19/55): b7D

b7E  
Date Telephone No.  
10/18/55 RE 7-7500

(two calls. This is a Federal Government switchboard for approximately 20 agencies.)

10/18/55 ST 3-0090

McReynolds Liquors, 18th and G Streets, N. W. It is noted that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN is employed at this establishment; the above mentioned fisur determined that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was present at 930 F Street, N. W., on the evening of 10/18/55.

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*[Signature]*

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	
10/18/55	DI 7-7750	Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance, 1013 - 13th Street, N. W.
10/18/55	EX 3-7242	Colonial Airlines Ticket Reservations.
10/19/55	EX 3-7242	(Same as above.)

The Colonial Airlines Reservation Office advised SA OGREN at 3:40 p.m. on 10/19/55 that as of that time A. SCHNEIDER had made a reservation on Colonial Flight No. 88 leaving the National Airport at 5:15 p.m. on 10/19/55 for the Allentown, Pennsylvania, Airport which also serves Bethlehem and eastern Pennsylvania.

Mrs. PAYNE, switchboard operator at the Carroll Arms Hotel, advised SA OGREN that after SCHNEIDER checked out at 1:00 p.m. on 10/19/55, a long distance telephone call from New York came in for SCHNEIDER from Mrs. SOBELL of Longacre 4-9585 at 1:20 p.m.

A review of WFO files reflects one AARON D. SCHNEIDER was in 1953 an SI subject of New York and a union leader, as well as being an employee of subject organization in New York in 1952-53.

It is noted that ABE BLOOM was identified as of 2/23/55 by [REDACTED] (former [REDACTED] continue to protect identity) as an individual who supports Communist Party policies. Informant stated that [REDACTED] did not know BLOOM as a Communist Party member. b7D

[REDACTED] supra, on 2/26/53 identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the Communist Party. b7D

A highly confidential source of the Cleveland Division advised on 9/15/42 that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was at that time a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, Section of the Young Communist League. The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The above is for informational purposes. P\*.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/31/55

*BK* SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.  
IS-C; ISA OF 1950

Rerep SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, 9/1/55, at NY, and  
NY let 10/11/55.

The only outstanding lead in rerep is to continue  
to follow activities of NCSJRC. Relet advised that pertinent  
portions of the testimony of LOUIS HARAP (Bufile 100-343334)  
taken by HCUA on 8/2-5/55, in connection with captioned organ-  
ization, would be included in the next investigative report.

In view of the fact that there are no immediate  
investigative leads outstanding, this case will be considered  
as being pending inactive.

RM

*100-31-08-PT*  
Chief Clerk  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK

DATE: 11/2/55

FROM : SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN ( NY File 100 - 107111 )  
Section # 7-2

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY C

## DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK;

A spot surveillance on the National Headquarters of the above captioned organization was instituted by the writer on 10/28/55 at which time the organization was listed in the building directory at 1050 Sixth Avenue (Avenue of the Americas) as having maintaining office space on the Third Floor of the building. A spot check of the third floor failed to indicate that captioned organization had its name listed upon any of the doors on the floor and there was no indication as to the tenant who had furnished the organization the partial use of their office.

A spot surveillance on the National Headquarters of the captioned organization on 11/2/55 reflected that a large sign (hand printed) had been placed beneath the building directory at 1050 Sixth Avenue which sign read as follows: " SOBEL COMMITTEE moved to 940 Broadway Room D (between 22nd and 23rd Streets) Tel: AL 4 9983 " .

A spot check of the building at 940 Broadway, New York City, reflected the following: An office directory which listed the following firms as occupying Room D Second Floor - A) Art Attachment Company, MEYER BRODY, BERNARD KRELL ; B) EMBE Sewing Machine Company MORRIS BRODY ; C) Sobel Committee.

A review of the Indices of the New York Office failed to reflect any references to : Art Attachment Company ; BERNARD KRELL ; and, Embe Sewing Machine Company.

The indices of the New York Office reflect the following references concerning MEYER BRODY, which references have not been reviewed at this time:

[REDACTED] b7C  
The indices of the New York Office reflect numerous references to the name MORRIS BRODY, which references have not been reviewed at this time:

[REDACTED] (Main case file) ;

[REDACTED] (Main case file), residing at 3051 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY ; numerous references to MORRIS BRODY residing at 367 Madison Avenue, NYC; 1407 Wilkins Avenue, Bronx, and at 2352 Walton Avenue, New York City. b7C

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DIRECTOR, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE;  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950

Re New York airtel 10/27/55 requesting information concerning  
identity of BA 919-3\*. This is a live informant.

BROWN  
END

cc: 2-New York

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FBI WASH FIELD

DIRECTOR (100-387835)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,  
 AKA, IS-C; IS-A of 1950, OO New York. Daylet.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

It is noted that [REDACTED], former [REDACTED] (continue to protect identity), who has supplied reliable information in the past, on 2/26/53 identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP. On 2/26/53 identified GERTRUDE EVANS as a current member of the CP. b7D

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On 1/31/55 [REDACTED] identified the leaders of the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia at that time as either CP members or CP sympathizers. b7D

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CMG:LKB

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- cc - (2) New York (100-107111) (Info.) (RM)
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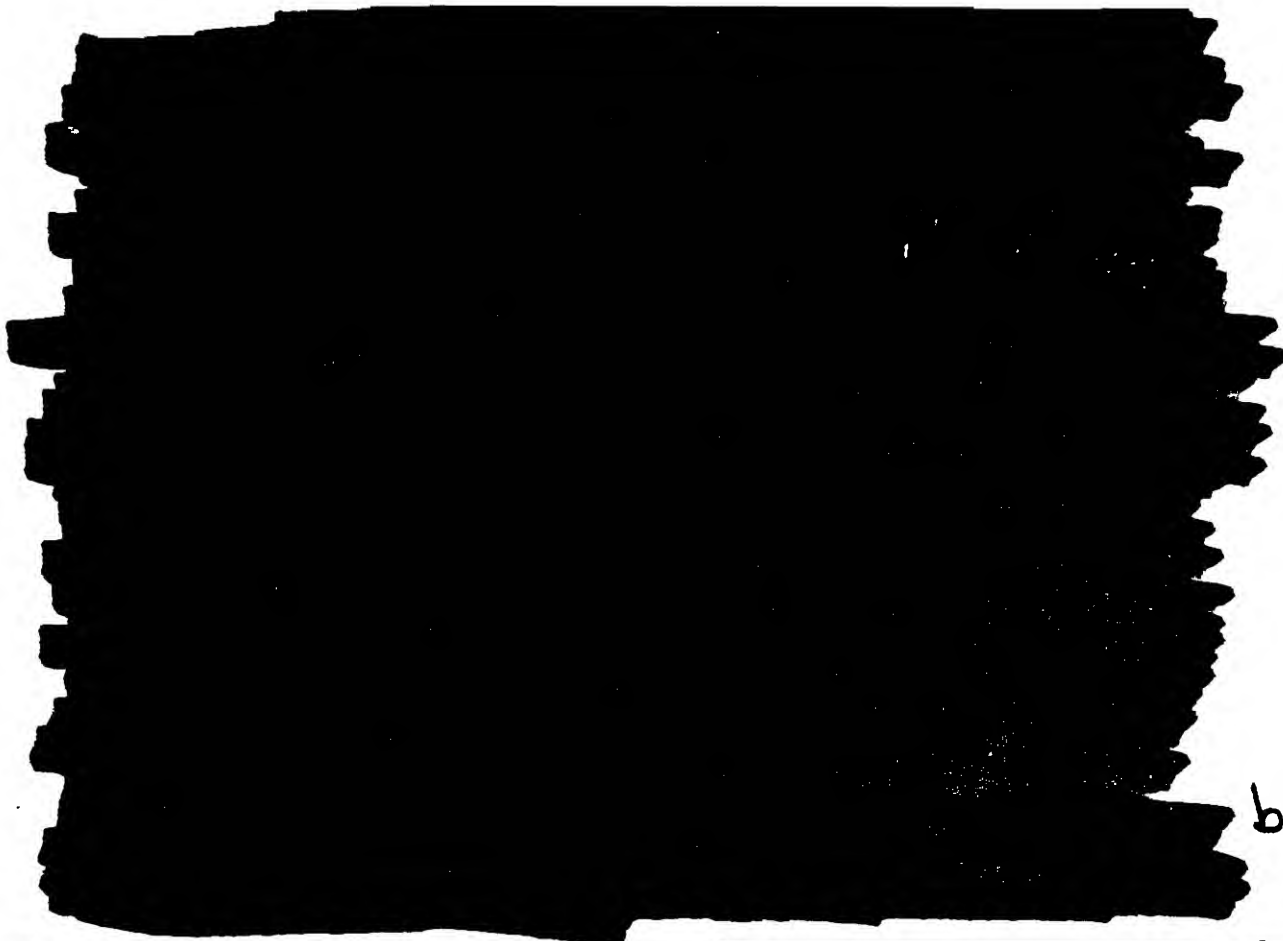
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this serial would identify an informant to  
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his identity.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

REPORT MADE AT  DALLAS	DATE WHEN MADE  11/14/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  11/1-4/55	REPORT MADE BY  EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL <i>rk</i>
TITLE  NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL (DALLAS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)			CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years' imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED], advised in January, 1952, that NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

b2D

Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party takes an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 15, 1954, that the Communist Party directs the activities of the NCSJRC. On June 30, 1955, [REDACTED] advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain a national office at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to [REDACTED] the committee objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS. b7D

[REDACTED] previously identified, on August 4, 1955, advised that the Communist Party continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the east coast. b7D

Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, who is familiar with some Communist Party activities in the Dallas area and who is hereinafter referred to as [REDACTED] on December 8, 1954, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the purpose of raising funds for a new trial of MORTON SOBELL. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and traveling about the country for the purpose of raising funds for the SOBELL cause. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] advised that AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, head of the Communist Party in Dallas, was observed a few days previous in possession of a pamphlet entitled "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell". b7D

[REDACTED] on December 17, 1954, advised that a [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] on January 17, 1955, advised that [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] to obtain money for the SOBELL cause. [REDACTED] b7D

Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, who is familiar with some Communist Party activities in Dallas and who is hereinafter referred to as [REDACTED] on January 20, 1955, advised that [REDACTED] b7D

Dallas Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, who is familiar with some Communist Party activities in Dallas, on December 20, 1954, reported that [redacted]

Dallas Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, who is familiar with some Communist Party activities in the Dallas area, on January 24, 1955, advised concerning the

Dallas area, on January 24, 1955, advised concerning the

[REDACTED] the  
Commissioner of Prisons was being asked that MORTON  
SOBEIL be transferred to another prison. [REDACTED]

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Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, who is  
familiar with some Communist Party activities in Dallas  
and who is hereinafter referred to as [REDACTED] on January 24,  
1955, advised that AUGUSTIN ESTRADA, head of the Communist  
Party in Dallas, and another Communist Party  
member [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] on January 24, 1955, further reported  
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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sending postcards, letters and  
telegrams of protest. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at an open  
discussion, such matters as the MORTON SOBELL cause  
could be brought up. [REDACTED]

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Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 10, 1953, advised that DAVID LANG, Screen Writer, Los Angeles, California, testified before a public session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Los Angeles on March 24, 1953. LANG stated that he had been a member of the Communist Party from about 1942 to 1946. LANG testified that JOHN WEXLEY was a Communist Party member with LANG and attended closed Communist Party meetings. [REDACTED] previously advised on March 19, 1953, that PAULINE SWANSON TOWNSEND, writer, Los Angeles, California, testified before an executive session of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Los Angeles on March 12, 1953. TOWNSEND stated that she was a Communist Party member from 1943 to the Summer of 1948 and that she knew JOHN WEXLEY to be a Communist Party member sometime during the period of her membership.

Dallas Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 7, 1955, advised that JOHN WEXLEY has been active on behalf of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and that he is the author of the recently published book "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg".

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Dallas, on July 29, 1955, advised SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., that earlier that month a man named PERKINS, first name unknown, from St. Louis Missouri, contacted him at his office and furnished him with a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Atomic Scientist Asks Justice for Morton Sobell", by Dr. HAROLD C. UREY. [REDACTED] stated that PERKINS discussed the MORTON SOBELL case with him and declared that in this case, ELIZABETH BENTLEY had perjured herself. [REDACTED] stated that PERKINS wanted lawyers and judges to review this case and write letters of protest to the Department of Justice. b7D

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 4, 1955, upon being recontacted concerning the Dallas Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, each advised that they have no knowledge of any recent activities of this organization. b-2

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It is to be noted that ELWOOD ROSS and NATALIE ROSS are key figures of the Dallas Office. HENRY LIEBERMAN, JODELL LAWRENCE, ELWOOD ROSS and NATALIE ROSS are security index subjects of the Dallas Office. A copy of this report is being furnished the St. Louis Office for information inasmuch as it contains information about the activities of HAVEN PERKINS of St. Louis, an employee of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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T-3	[REDACTED]		CHARLES S. RITZ (oral)	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/28/55	JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., & BENJAMIN S. HARRISON, JR. (oral)	[REDACTED] b2
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/28/55	JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., & BENJAMIN S. HARRISON, JR. (oral)	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/5/55	JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., & BENJAMIN S. HARRISON, JR. (oral)	[REDACTED]
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HOSTY, JR.  
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W. HARLAN  
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BROWN  
(oral)

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JAMES P.  
HOSTY, JR.,  
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HARRISON, JR.  
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ANDREW J. DECKER, JR.

LA 62-1664-1B 14-2, pages 166-214

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ANDREW J. DECKER, JR.

LA 62-1664-1B 11-3, page 15

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RICHARD S. BLOESER (written)

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REFERENCES

Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/3/55;

Bureau letter to Dallas dated 9/15/55.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

November 14, 1955

SAC, DALLAS (100-9895)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL (DALLAS COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)  
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Reference is made to report of SA EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL dated  
at Dallas which is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and New York.

11/14/55

As instructed by Bureau letter to Dallas dated September 15,  
1955, the Dallas Office has prepared the enclosed report concerning  
subject organization suitable for dissemination.

It does not appear that this report reflects information  
requiring dissemination locally, and therefore, local dissemination  
is not being made, UACB.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-2)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Source:

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Reliability:

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Reprint of a review of the  
book "The Judgement of Julius  
and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN  
WEXLEY

Date Received:

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SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

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The book review in question originally appeared in the "Fairfield County Fair." The heading indicates that the authors are BRETT HALLIDAY and HELEN MC CLOY. However, the body of the review indicates that BRETT HALLIDAY is actually the sole author.

In the review, HALLIDAY states that he is not a Communist. However, the review appears to be favorable to the cause of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and, of course, prejudicial to the case of the government. The author also mentions ANGUS CAMERON in a favorable manner.

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Letter to SAC, New Haven  
NY 100-107111

The New York Office is in possession of only one copy of this reprint. Therefore, New Haven will not be furnished a copy unless it specifically requests one.


## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (7-2)

FROM : SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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DATE: NOV 15 1955

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information in the pastDescription of Document Furnished: Reprint from "The Nation",  
8/27/55Date Received:  b1

Received By: SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

Location: 100-107111- 1B681

The document submitted is a review of "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by CAREY MC WILLIAMS. The review, of course, is favorable to the cause of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG as well as prejudicial to the case of the government.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,  
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aka People's Victory Forum, IS-C," your file 100-59901-1-3

It is noted reairtel stated that Communist Party is  
reactivating Sobell Committee in Boston area according to  
information furnished by [REDACTED] This matter should be closely  
followed by Boston Office and all pertinent information developed  
concerning progress being made in reactivation of this organization  
promptly furnished to Bureau and New York Office.

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1 - New York (For Information)

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2. "The Rosenberg Case:  
Some Reflections on  
Federal Criminal Law"

Location: 100-107111-18683

3. Text of address by  
Senator WILLIAM LANGER  
at the Assembly for  
Justice for Morton Sobell,  
9/29/55

Location: 100-107111-18684

4. "A Request to the Judiciary  
Committee of the U. S.  
Senate to Investigate the  
Conduct of the U. S.  
Attorney General's Office  
in the Rosenberg-Sobell  
Case"

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5. "Atomic scientist Dr. Harold  
C. Urey asks justice for  
Morton Sobell

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6. "Did the Rosenbergs Have  
Full Measure of Justice?"

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7. "The Scientist in Alcatraz"

Location: 100-107111- *1B688*

8. "The Facts in the case of  
Morton Sobell"

Location: 100-107111- *1B689*

It is suggested that the above described documents be  
filed in the bulky exhibits of the above captioned case.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (61-10347)  
(100-238370) (Encl.-1)

Date: NOV 16 1955

FROM: SAC, Cincinnati (100-5128)  
(100-6109)

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SUBJECT: ANNA H. MORGAN, Was.  
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(100-5128)

RICHARD GUY MORGAN  
IS - C  
(100-6109)

On August 26, 1955, an anonymous source furnished the following information concerning the subjects:

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\_\_\_\_\_ who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised in 1955 that the captioned individuals are CP members in Franklin County, Ohio. It is further noted that the subjects are key figures in the Security Index in the Cincinnati Division. 7 b7D

In the event any of the following information is used in a report, proper caution should be taken to conceal the identity of this source .

(1) Source advised that the following names and telephone numbers were contacts of the subjects:

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Letter to Director

Cincinnati file 133-5 reflects a Bureau letter to Chicago dated 3/20/52 and Cincinnati report dated 4/10/52 captioned "DAEL LEE WOLFLE, National Science Foundation Aid - Applicant." Cincinnati files also reflect under 100-8139 that the Boston Division was Office of Origin under their file 100-16321 in a matter captioned "Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, I S (R) Refer 5 I S." Cincinnati files are negative regarding Dr. WARREN WEAVER.

There is no further information available at Cincinnati to determine if WOLFLE and SHAPLEY mentioned in enclosure are identical to subjects of above files.

The above is being submitted to the Bureau for information purposes and special consideration under the SGE Program in reference to WOLFLE.

All Offices will note that certain names and addresses are not designated for information (Info.). In those instances, and where pertinent subversive information is available, the respective Field Divisions will provide a brief, concise summary of the information to the Cincinnati Division; or in the case of an organization, will provide a documentation where one exists.

SAC, Washington Field Office  
(100-25474)

November 16, 1955

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurairtel 11-10-55 relative to attempts being made  
"to reactivate the Rosenberg Committee."

This matter should be closely followed by Washington  
Field Office and the Bureau and New York Office kept advised of  
any known progress made in the reactivation of the captioned  
organization in Washington.

1cc - New York (100-107111)(For Information)

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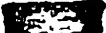
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison.

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Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California.

HOWARD RUSHMORE, a newspaper reporter with the "New York Journal American" advised in January 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case (NCSJRC) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

Confidential informant SF T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1954, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case, and fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. SF T-1 stated that the Communist Party was taking an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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The October 5, 1955, edition of the "Daily People's World" (DPW) page 2, columns 3, 4, and 5, contains an article entitled "Regional SOBELL Group Formed." The following appeared in this article and is set forth verbatim:

"A Provisional Western Regional SOBELL Committee has been formed to expand the campaign for vindication of MORTON SOBELL."

"The San Francisco SOBELL Committee announced today its representatives met recently in Fresno with spokesmen for the Los Angeles SOBELL committee to lay plans for enlarging the campaign."

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"The new committee's first aim is to help organize and enlarge SOBELL committees in Washington, Wyoming, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona, and in California towns and cities north of the Bay Area, south of the Los Angeles area, and in the 400 miles between the two metropolitan centers, the announcement said."

"An already organized committee in Vancouver, B.C., will be invited to join the regional campaign. A newsletter with Northern and Southern California editions will report the drive's progress."

"The Fresno meeting tentatively selected early spring for a Western conference on the SOBELL case."

"San Francisco representatives reported a more than tenfold increase in activity growing out of workshops held in recent months. There are permanent committees in East Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward, Palo Alto, Marin county and Petaluma."

The DPW is a west coast Communist newspaper.

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SF T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on September 7, 1955, a throw-away leaflet dated August 3, 1955, purported to be put out by

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the Peninsula Committee for MORTON SOBELL, 26274 Arastadero Road, Los Altos, California. The leaflet announced an open house for YURI SUHL, to be held at 530 Vine Street, Menlo Park, California, on August 13, 1955.

The above leaflet identifies YURI SUHL as a noted poet and author and a charter member of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.



No other information is available concerning the activities of these newly organized committees, except for the contents of a letter from the Oakland MORTON SOBELL Committee, which has been set forth verbatim under the caption, 'Literature Distributed'.

SF T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 13, 1955, that on June 29, 1955, the San Francisco SOBELL Committee held a mass meeting in memory of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, at Druids Hall, 44 Page Street, San Francisco, California. Entertainment was furnished by PAUL ROBESON, who sang. Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of the imprisoned SOBELL, was the main speaker.

The July 15, 1949, issue of "The Washington Times Herald" newspaper, Washington, D. C., carried an article "Probers Told ROBESON a Veteran Red." This article

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reveals that MANNING JOHNSON, an ex-Communist Party leader, told Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON had been a member of the Communist Party for many years. JOHNSON said he had met ROBESON frequently at the Communist Party headquarters at New York City, New York.

#### OFFICERS

There has been no reported information concerning any new officers for the San Francisco ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee (SFRSC) since April 14, 1955.

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The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SF T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related [REDACTED] that PEARL BAILEY was a member of the Inner-Mission Section of the SFCCP.

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SF T-10, a self-admitted member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) and the Communist Party (CP), from April 1945 to September 1949, related on [REDACTED] that in [REDACTED] BELLE ELBERT was a member of the Russian Hill Branch of the SFCCP.

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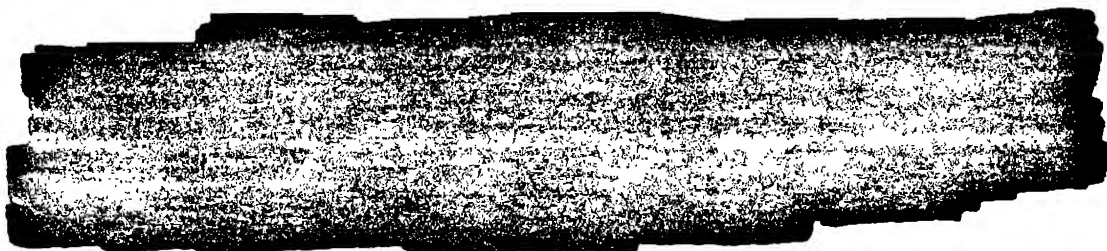
The Communist Party was known as the CPA during the period from May 23, 1944 to July 28, 1945.

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SF T-11, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, on November 4, 1955, advised that the San Francisco SOBELL Committee occupied Room 216, 1122 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

FINANCES



No other information concerning the finances of the SFRSC has been available since the last report.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The June 19, 1955, edition of the San Francisco Chronicle, page 23, column 5, contained an advertisement which stated that MORTON SOBELL had been sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the uncorroborated testimony of an unreliable witness. The article went on "we ask you to join with us to help us secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz as a minimum first step, and to work with us for a new trial in the hopeful months ahead." The article further requested the reader to send a letter to JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Washington, D. C., requesting that MORTON SOBELL be transferred to a regular Federal penitentiary pending a new trial.

The following is set forth verbatim as it appeared in the advertisement:

"WAS HE GUILTY? DID HE HAVE A FAIR TRIAL?"

"HAROLD C. UREY, Nobel prize winner: 'The integrity of justice is at stake...If proper trials cannot be secured for unpopular people...then it will become

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impossible to secure justice for other somewhat less unpopular people and so on until no justice is possible at all.'

"JUDGE JEROME N. FRANK of the U.S. Court of Appeals said that MORTON SOBELL should have a new trial.

"Philadelphia Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union has called his conviction a dangerous extension of the concept of conspiracy.

"Columbia Law Review: '... Had (this case) been tried across the street, in a New York State court, a conviction would have been unlikely on this record!'

"SIDNEY SILVERMAN (British Member of Parliament): '...I studied this case with some care, professional as well as political...I am quite satisfied that there has been a grave miscarriage of justice.'

"The Very Rev. G. W. CHANDLER, Dean of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand: 'I readily lend my support to your appeal that justice may be done, and that your husband, MORTON SOBELL, may not continue to be victim of grave injustice...The issue, as I see it, is that the United States government is on trial before the court of world-wide public opinion...That men can be condemned on the testimony of paid informers, which in some instances has been proved false, is enough to raise the ire of all liberty-loving people!'

SF T-12, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, made available [redacted] a SOBELL Newsletter (undated) published by the San Francisco SOBELL Committee, 1122 Market Street, Room 216, San Francisco, California. Below are excerpts from this Newsletter and they are set forth verbatim: b7d

"Mass meeting for MORTON SOBELL in memory of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG set for Wednesday, June 29, at 144 Page Street."

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" Meeting will spark intensified drive for justice to SOBELL. Plans include:

- \* Pressing for new trial.
- \* Seeking Congressional investigation of prosecution's conduct in ROSENBERG-SOBELL case.
- \* Stepping up campaign for transfer from Alcatraz --- asking legislators to intervene --- circulating national appeal among community and national leaders.
- \* Embarking on educational campaign with massive distribution of literature presenting facts in SOBELL case, and placing of advertisements in newspapers."

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CP LINE

#### CP USA

"The ROSENBERG case is not closed. The fight to vindicate their lives continues in the struggle to free MORTON SOBELL. His freedom will mark a great step in halting fascism, and can be won at this stage in the mounting anti McCARTHY struggle. There should be no rest for all who remember JULIE and ETHEL ROSENBERG with pride." FRED E. DANIELS - "The ROSENBERGS A Year After" - Masses and Mainstreams - Volume 7, No. 6., June 1954, Page 41.

#### SF SOBELL COMMITTEE

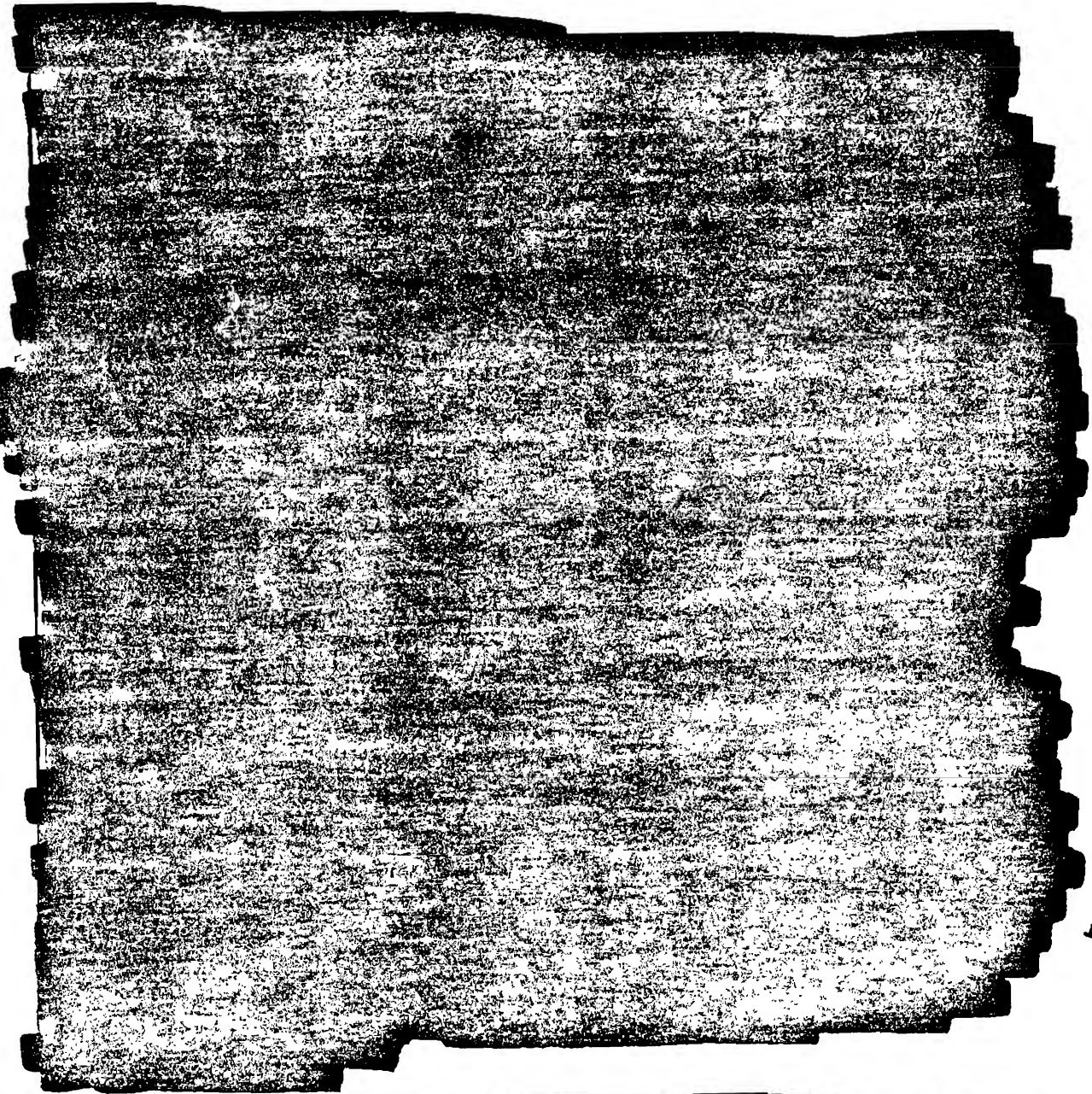
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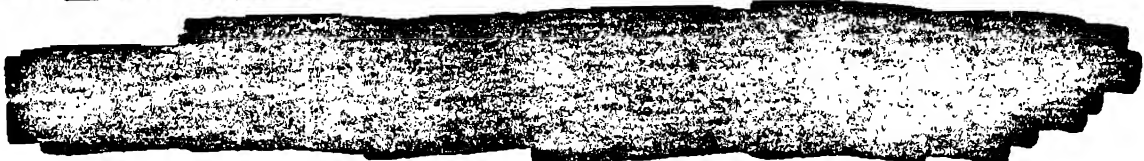
SOBELL Newsletter (undated) - San Francisco SOBELL Committee, 1122 Market Street, Room 216, San Francisco.



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The Fifth Report of the Senate Fact Finding  
Committee on Un-American activities of the California  
Legislature published in 1949, page 135, characterizes the





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IPP as an above<sup>ground</sup> political and legislative apparatus  
of the Communist Party.

SF T-12, made available in [REDACTED] an b7d  
undated newsletter purporting to be published by the  
San Francisco SOBELL Committee. This letter sets forth  
the aims of the San Francisco SOBELL Committee; that witnesses  
in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case were coached; and it requests  
sustainers, and announces formation of new workshop  
committees.

Enclosures: To the Bureau 2 of the below listed items,  
and to New York 1 of the below listed:

Four page printed leaflet entitled "The Facts  
in the case of MORTON SOBELL."

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One page Newsletter (undated).

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SA JOHN MC NAMARA [REDACTED]

SA WILLIAM H. NCTT [REDACTED]

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T- symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Francisco SOBELL Committee.

REFERENCE

Report of SA FRANK SPERONE at San Francisco, dated 5/3/55.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 11/23/55

FROM :

SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
IS - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
(O.O. New York)

Re Supplemental Prosecutive Summary Report of  
SA LINCOLN J. STOKES dated 7/14/55 at Newark.

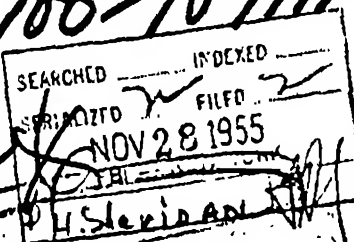
Information contained in Newark files concerning the captioned organization, which has been received subsequent to referenced report, has been reviewed. During review of this material, it was determined that no pertinent information is contained in Newark files concerning this subject which has not already been furnished to the Bureau and New York.

In view of the apparent lack of activity concerning the captioned organization in New Jersey, the Newark Office will no longer maintain an active file concerning this organization UACB. In the event information is received in the future relative to any activity on the part of this organization, investigation will be immediately reinstituted and the Bureau and New York Office advised. RUC

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

November 25, 1955

SAC, San Francisco (100-35117)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
ROSENBERG CASE; NATIONAL ROSENBERG-SOBELL  
COMMITTEE; NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Rerep of SA NORMAN P. LE CLAIR, dated 11/22/55 at San  
Francisco.

Attached hereto are the enclosures mentioned in referenced  
report which were inadvertently omitted.

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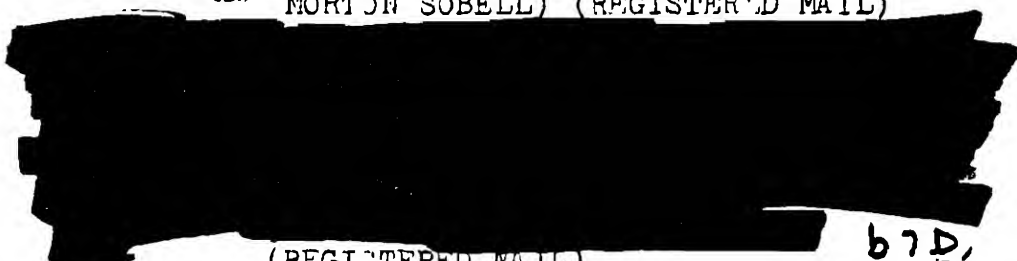
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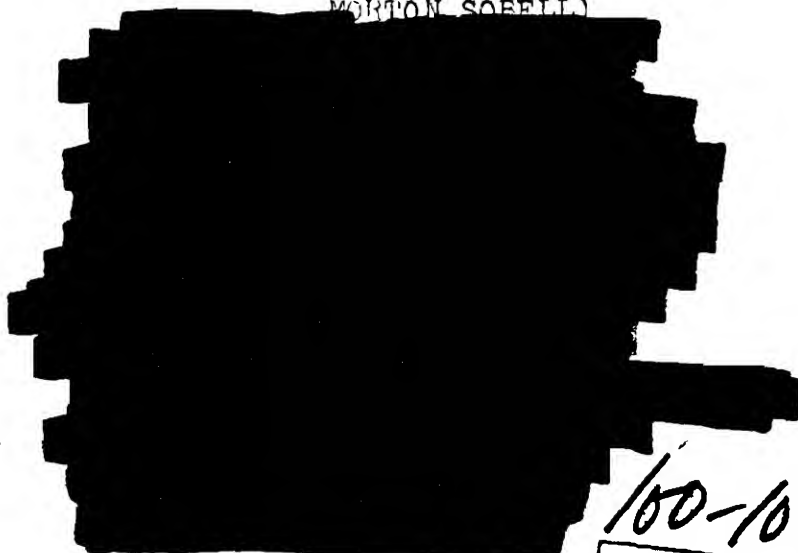
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FROM : SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE  
SUBJECT: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
SCIENTIFIC WORKERS  
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Security Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SAs JEREMIAH W. DOYLE and WILLIAM F. McLAUGHLIN on 10/31/55. SA DOYLE's notes are located in [REDACTED]. A summary of the information set forth below was furnished to the Bureau, New York, Boston, Chicago, and Minneapolis by air-tel dated 11/3/55.

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[REDACTED] there are only two branches or chapters of the AAScW presently in existence, namely New York and Philadelphia. There are 39 members in the New York chapter [REDACTED]

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individual members of the AAScW who reside in cities throughout the United States where there are no chapters of the organization.

the AAScW is an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) but acts independently of the AAAS. b7D

Dr. HARRY GRUNDFEST, National President of the AAScW,

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the Allens Lane Art Center Summer Day Camp Project wherein the Philadelphia Chapter of the AAScW successfully arranged for a class in natural science for members of the camp during the summer of 1955.

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the organization's publication "AAScW Newsletter" is published by the Philadelphia Chapter and because of this the Philadelphia Chapter has usually made the official decisions on statements of policy concerning the organization.

the AAScW is an affiliate of the AAAS but acts independently of the AAAS.

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[REDACTED] stated that annual dues for membership in the AAScW are \$3. [REDACTED] the organization receives various financial contributions to assist in the publication of the newsletter. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ROBERT RUTMAN, National Secretary of the AAScW and a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] concerning the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. The consensus of opinion was that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were unjustly convicted of espionage. The basis for this opinion was that the recent Geneva Conferences showed that all countries are equally advanced in the study of the Atom Bomb and, therefore, there was no reason for the ROSENBERGS to commit espionage for Russia.

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[REDACTED] an eight-page printed pamphlet captioned, "Atomic Scientist Dr. HAROLD C. UREY Asks Justice For MORTON SOBELL," issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, N. Y. This pamphlet quotes an address by Dr. UREY at a testimonial dinner given in his honor by the Chicago Sobell Committee on 2/12/55 at Chicago, Ill., in which he claims that there was no evidence introduced at the ROSENBERG trial proving that they had engaged in espionage.

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Another pamphlet [REDACTED] was, "Dangers Confronting American Science," by MELBA PHILLIPS, the American Association of Scientific Workers, New York. This is a four-page printed pamphlet and is a reprint from "Science," 10/24/52, Volume 116, #3017, pages 439 - 443. In this article, PHILLIPS criticized perversion of science for military purposes, the decline of scientific freedom, and the decay of morale among scientists. PHILLIPS recommended that scientific work must be in the public domain, freely published, talked, criticized; that scientists must not be hedged about with restrictions on personal freedom; and that science must be supported as a public responsibility for the public welfare and not for primarily military ends.

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The two pamphlets referred to immediately above are located in 100-18819-1-B-2-(29).

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[REDACTED] advised that although HARRY GRUNDFEST is the National President of the AASc, it was his impression that MELBA PHILLIPS was the individual who dominates the organization. Informant is of the opinion that PHILLIPS could be president of the organization if she so desired but prefers to have some other individual be president in name while she actually directs the activities of the organization.

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The informant provided a one-page throw-away captioned, "Assembly for Justice for Morton Sobell, Carnegie Hall, September 29th, 1955, at 8 p.m. - Among the Speakers are: William Langer, United States Senator; Waldo Frank, Novelist and Essayist; John F. Finerty, Eminent Attorney - Defender of Sacco and Vanzetti; Warren K. Billings, Co-Defendant in Mooney Case". The ~~XXX~~ throw-away reflected it was issued by the New York Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

CC: 1 NY 100- (New York Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell) *photo attached*  
1 NY 100- (William Langer)  
1 NY 100- (Waldo Frank)  
1 NY 100- (John F. Finerty)  
1 NY 100- (Warren K. Billings)  
1 NY 100- (Morton Sobell) (u)

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## An Innocent Man Is In Alcatraz

Morton Sobell, an American scientist, is in Alcatraz in his tenth year of imprisonment. The charge was "conspiracy to commit espionage." Morton Sobell has maintained his absolute innocence from the day of his arrest, as did his co-defendants, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, atomic scientist and Nobel Prize winner, stated, "Sobell's sentence of thirty years at Alcatraz is completely out of line with any evidence of wrong-doing which the government was believed to possess. In fact, I do not know what he did do."

The trial of Morton Sobell was staged in a fear-ridden atmosphere in which the guilt of the defendants was taken for granted from the moment they were arrested. The nightmare of fear and suspicion which was part of the hysteria of the past years is now lifting as a result of the Geneva conferences. America cannot be free and at peace so long as American justice is in doubt. Americans who wish for a better America must do all they can to right the great wrong of Morton Sobell.

# ASSEMBLY for JUSTICE For Morton Sobell

CARNEGIE HALL  
September 29th, 1951

at 8 p.m.

Among the speakers are:

**WILLIAM LANGER**  
United States Senator

**WALDO FRANK**  
Novelist and Essayist

**JOHN F. FINERTY**  
Eminent Attorney  
Defender of Sacco and Vanzetti

**WARREN K. BILLINGS**  
Co-Defendant in Moscow Case

Tickets at \$1.25 may be obtained  
at the box office or at

New York Committee for Justice for Morton Sobell  
1050 Sixth Avenue • New York 18, N. Y.  
Longacre 4-9585

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2) DATE: 11/30/55  
FROM : SA ALESIO SAVIOLA (#7-3)  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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Source: [REDACTED] b1

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Description of Document  
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Book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley.

Date Received:

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Received By:

SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

Location:

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The source received the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by John Wexley through the U. S. Mail from the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The book was published by Cameron and Kahn, 1955. It is distributed by Cameron Associates. The jacket design is by ROCKWELL KENT

-It is suggested that the above-described book be filed in the bulky exhibits of the above-captioned file.

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TO : SAC (100-11726)

DATE: DEC 1 1955

FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Context of four page typewritten report [REDACTED]  
received by mail by writer November 21, 1955, from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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[REDACTED] letters to the Board of Reclassification at Alcatraz asking that Morton Sobell be reclassified and sent to a better Penitentiary. [REDACTED]

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Senator Langer impressed on the people that he has some job to investigate Federal prisons. He also stated that every case had been gone into and some were found innocent, especially two Negroes in his own state N.D. He had Helen Sobell stand by his side and pledged to do all in his power to secure justice for her husband-Morton Sobell. The high light of the speech was that he believes that the Justice Department and the FBI and the ten thousand working for this Department should not only collect evidence against a person but have a duty to collect facts in favor of the accused person. Warren Billings told of his case and that of Tom Mooney. He stressed the fact that false witnesses helped to convict Tom and himself. He told how he was high

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"pressured by authorities to make false statements against Tom Mooney. In this respect he said that he and Morton Sobell are alope. He said that he would bet his last dollar that stool pidgeons are in Alcatraz trying to influence Morton Sobell to make false statements.

"Mrs. Edna Griffin, a Negro woman from Iowa spoke next. She was good and rather calm. Her speech stressed the brotherhood of man when there will be justice for her people and all peoples. [REDACTED] Morton Sobell's mother talk. She praised her son for remaining in prison rather than lie about the Rosenbergs. He, according to his mother, is fighting for the principles of democracy in this country by not purging himself in exchange for freedom. [REDACTED]

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It is noted that on November 22, 1955, [REDACTED] orally advised SA O'CONNOR that the date set forth in last paragraph of report was inadvertently reported as [REDACTED]

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Following item received by mail by [REDACTED] on November 14, 1955, personally by writer November 16, 1955, filed

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SAC, Newark (100-36202)

December 2, 1955

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet 11-23-55 advising that this case has been placed in an RUC status in view of lack of activity concerning captioned organization in the New Jersey area.

It is noted that the last investigative report submitted by your office was a pending inactive report dated 5-5-55, however; a supplemental prosecutive summary report was submitted by your office dated July 14, 1955. In view of the fact that prosecutive summary reports are only disseminated to the Department you should prepare immediately an investigative report incorporating all information received concerning the activities of captioned organization in the New Jersey area since the submission of the 5-5-55 report. The requested report will then be disseminated at the Bureau.

The above-requested report should reach the Bureau by January 3, 1956, without fail.

cc - New York (100-107111) (For Information)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, IS - C. DAYLET

BA 1066-8\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on 11/28/55, IRVING KANDEL, Chairman, CP USA District 4, had in his possession a one page letter entitled "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, N.Y."

This letter claims that the hearings of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights on the status of liberties in our country are a "heartening development" and a "sign of a new spirit in our country".

The letter states that for the past two years captioned organization has sought an "objective investigation of the case of Morton Sobell, sentenced in 1951 to 30 years on a 'conspiracy to commit espionage' charge in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial" and also claims that Sobell maintains innocence and is seeking a new trial.

This letter continues by urging that the recipient write a "personal note" to Senator THOMAS C. HENNINGSS, Jr., Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., requesting that "room be left open in the Subcommittee's calendar for investigation of violations of basic rights in the case of Morton Sobell".

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END

100-14932

ccs:

3 - Bureau  
1 - New York (Info.)

1 - BA 100-15241

1 - [REDACTED] b7D

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

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SA RICHARD F. ALLEN

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE  
IS-C

On November 23, 1955, PSI [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the writer in person with the following described items concerning the Chicago Sobell Committee which are being retained as indicated: b2D

1. 100-25530-1B2(262) A printed leaflet bearing the letterhead of Chicago Sobell Committee, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 1301, Chicago 4, Illinois, and issued by the Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC) concerning Senator WILLIAM LANGER's pledge to aid MORTON SOBELL at New York rally. This leaflet was dated November 18, 1955.

2. 100-25530-1B2(259) A printed leaflet issued by the CSC concerning BRETT HOLLIDAY's book review of JOHN WEXLEY's book, "The Judgement of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG." This leaflet indicates that HOLLIDAY penned this book review on August 8, 1955. The review appearing in this leaflet is a reprint of a book review which appeared on September 15, 1955, in Fairfield County, Connecticut. It should be noted that BRETT HOLLIDAY, the author of this review, is one of the leading mystery writers in the country and the author of the MIKE SHAYNE Detective Stories.

The same items were also furnished to the writer through the mails on November 28, 1955, by [REDACTED] Chicago 26, Illinois, who has furnished similar literature in the past. b7C

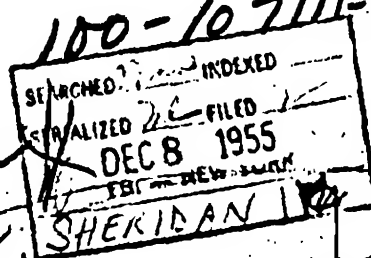
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(Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 1885 DATE 12-5-55

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-18819)  
FROM : SA WILLIAM S. BETTS  
SUBJECT: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
SCIENTIFIC WORKERS  
IS - C

DATE: 12/5/55

On 11/7/55, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a written report to the

WSB:PHD  
(1BS, 1SL, 9NY, 21PH)  
cc: 1 - Boston (RM)  
1 - St. Louis (RM)  
② - New York (RM)

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(AASCW)  
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MORTON SOBELL) (ENCL. 6)

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Allens Lane Art Center  
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Societies  
WFSW (World Federation of  
Scientific Workers)  
"Science and Mankind"

100-33480 (CP CULTURAL ACTIVITY)  
100-33636 (CP DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION)  
100-37667 (COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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writer concerning [REDACTED] captioned group [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The informant's report, which is being  
retained in Philadelphia file [REDACTED] is being b7D  
quoted below:

[REDACTED] b7D

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"The N.Y. branch [REDACTED] president  
Dr. GELFOND [REDACTED] three  
public meetings had been held including one with a  
report by Dr. DAHLING on the shortage of scientific  
personnel and one on resonance. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

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'science for children' project,

[redacted] a feature article from the Germantown Courier on the project as carried out at Allen's Lane Art Center, [redacted]

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Item 5. Pamphlet entitled "Atomic Scientist Dr. HAROLD C. UNEY Asked Justice for MORTON SOBELL," indicating this pamphlet was issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. (This item is being forwarded to the New York Office as an enclosure with a copy of the memo.)

Copies of this memo are also being furnished to the Boston and St. Louis Offices for information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

DATE: 12/15/55

FROM : SA EDGAR C. FOREST

SUBJECT: Committee To Secure Justice For  
MORTON SOBELL

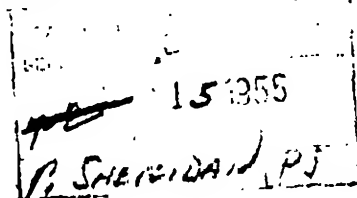
IS-C

On 12/14/55 the Rev. Mortimer G. Hitt, 42-14 190<sup>th</sup> St., L.I.C., N.Y. furnished the writer the attached literature which he received in the mail. He did not know how his name came to be placed on this mailing list.

Rev. Hitt is a personal friend of the writer.

See Ex 1B695.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10711)

DATE: 12/19/55

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.  
IS - C; ISA OF 1950  
(OO:NEW YORK)

The following information has been previously supplied to the Bureau by blank memorandum suitable for dissemination to appropriate agencies.

On 11/1/55, Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT ALQUIN EVANS, USAF, 4624 16th Street North, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed by SA HARMON J. OGREN, at his request, and supplied the following information:

On 10/29/55, EVANS had received, in the mail at his home, a circular letter under letterhead, "Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, 506 West 135th Street, New York 31, New York." This letter stated that under separate cover a book, "The Judgment Of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by JOHN WEXLEY, was being sent to the recipient and that this book uncovers facts about the witnesses in the trial of MORTON SOBELL, which facts, had they been available to the jury during the trial, would have made his conviction impossible. The letter also asked for the recipient's comments as to what can be done for SOBELL and states "we" would be glad to discuss the matter personally at "your" convenience. This letter is signed with the mechanical reproduced signatures of ROSE SOBELL, mother, and HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL.

On 10/31/55, EVANS received, in the mail at his home, the book described in the preceding paragraph.

EVANS advised he has never had any contact, personal or by correspondence, with any persons or organizations interested in the trial or subsequent clemency appeals of the ROSENBERGS or MORTON SOBELL prior to these communications and had no knowledge as to why the above-described material was sent to him.

② - New York (RM)  
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EVANS stated that he has, since 1930, been employed by the United States Department of Justice and is currently an Assistant Director in the Bureau of Prisons in charge of fiscal, administrative, and personnel matters. He has also served in the Armed Forces, holds a commission in the U. S. Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel, Serial Number AO-913751, and is on two weeks' temporary duty at the Pentagon.

He desired that the above information be made a matter of record with the Department of Justice and the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, in view of his employment and Air Force commission.

EVANS made available to SA OGREN the letter and book described above, the letter being maintained in WF 100-25754-1A file and the book is being maintained in the Washington Field Office library.

On 11/21/55, Mrs. MARY STEVENS, 2500 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., was interviewed by SA CARROLL M. GARNETT at which time she supplied the following information. Mrs. STEVENS had previously telephonically contacted the Washington Field Office.

Mrs. STEVENS stated that on 11/10/55, she received, through the mail at her home, a book entitled "Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by JOHN WEXLEY, which had been mailed from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City. She stated that a few days prior to the receipt of this book she had received, also through the mail, a form letter from New York City relative to the release of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz and indicating that the above-described book was being sent to her gratis.

Mrs. STEVENS advised that she has an unlisted telephone number in Washington, D. C., and wondered how her address was obtained. She stated that presumably she had been selected as the recipient of this material because of her husband's former position on President EISENHOWER's staff. She stated she destroyed the previously-referred-to material.



WFO 100-25474

Mrs. STEVENS advised that she and her husband, THOMAS E. STEVENS, have been active in politics in New York State for many years and her husband had been on President EISENHOWER's staff from the time EISENHOWER entered office until February 19, 1955, at which time STEVENS resigned as Appointment Secretary; she stated Mr. STEVENS had also been on the Personal Staff of EISENHOWER during the 1952 election campaign. She advised that her husband is currently connected with the law firm of Sherman, Sterling and Wright, 20 Exchange Place, New York City, and travels to Washington, D. C., on weekends.

The above is being supplied to your office in order that you may be aware that current or former highly placed Government officials are being selected by subject organization to be the recipients of WEXLEY's book, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." P.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-9558)

12/20/55

SA JAMES H. KAVANACH

ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF AMERICA  
IS-R & AR  
ISA of 1950

Source CSNY 971-S  
Date 9/16/55  
Activity Contributions  
(No copy for the source file because of nature of source.)

On 9/16/55, source furnished information to the effect that on 9/12/55, \$5.00 was to be given to (HARRY) SANDERSON for four tickets to Carnegie Hall for the benefit of MORTON SOBELL and that \$25.00 was to be given to OKSEN SARIAN to be credited to the Foreign Born account.

This info will be included in the next quarterly report. The original of this info has been destroyed.

1- [REDACTED] (1) 67c  
1- NY 100- [REDACTED] (7-2)  
1- [REDACTED] (12-14)  
1- NY 100- (COMMITTEE FOR MORTON SOBELL)

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TO: : SAC, New York (100-107111) DATE: 12/21/55

FROM : SA JAMES J. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE, ROSENBERG CASE

16-C  
Identity of Informant: NY 1642-S\*

Reliability: Who is in a logical position to furnish reliable information.

Date: 11/22/55

Location of Original: 100-9308-1832, photo # 532-534, 548

NY 1642-S\* on 11/22/55 furnished information concerning the above captioned (individual - organization), which information was maintained in the residence of HERBERT LAWRENCE WHEELDIN.

HERBERT LAWRENCE WHEELDIN may be documented as follows:

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 6/22/55 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The informant further stated [REDACTED] that HERB WHEELDIN was reported in over-all charge of the Harlem Region CP and was to operate the Harlem Regional Headquarters. b2D

Information furnished by NY 1642-S\* should be carefully paraphrased to conceal the informant's identity.

Information furnished by NY 1642-S\* is set forth below. Where this information is not set forth in its entirety as it appears in context, it is suggested that the original exhibit be reviewed.

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~~NOTE: The material cited herein was contained in a pocket-size spiral notebook. Additional information in the notebook reflects that the material pertains to the period June to September, 1953.~~

JJJ:PAY/jlk

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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NY 100-

The informant provided a document which is contained in Photo No. 532 headed, "Rosenberg" and carrying beneath it the notation: "NY reg. org.", which is attached hereto.

Additional information in this photo and in Photo 533 concerned political activities on the part of the Party; however, Item #11, appearing on Photo 533, which is not attached, states, "11. Development of fight against McCarthyism, strengthen Rosenberg case".

Photo 534 contains the additional notation which is numbered as 13 and is as follows: "13. Rosenbergs cannot be separated from working class".

The documents contained no additional identifying or modifying information.

Photo 548 contains a miscellaneous notation as follows: "Minutes - draft leaflet for counties on Rosenberg case and lessons."

CC: 1 - NY 100-

(NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE,  
ROSENBERG CASE)

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7. Deep Crisis of Japs. in  
South China  
Explain how it  
spec. & how it is a result.

8. Unification in Korea

War in Background!  
Peace not war!

1. New force in Asia  
is a force.

2. Japanese friendship of  
parties & Soviet Union  
is a force.

11. Development of Left wing  
of Party in strengthened  
Rosenberg Case

11. Appreciation of Role of  
Party.

12. Influence of Party  
on Eisenhower & the Party -  
No military dictatorship  
No - adverse power of  
resistance -  
Eisenhower is no  
bar to fascism -

Rosenberg

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1. "A new membership"

2. "Consolidation of membership"

3. "Council is here"

4. "Shops - Charge on sentiment  
as consequence of Douglas  
stay"

5. "Kip's problem - About time  
some white workers got  
checked"

6. "Rita & Helen Mout -  
sisters in law P. M."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) 7-2

DATE: 12/21/55

FROM : SA EDWARD M. ANCIN

SUBJECT: NEW YORK COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

Source: NY 1322-S\*  
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information  
in the past  
Date Rec'd: 10/19/55  
Location: 100-95240 1B 678

The informant furnished an envelope addressed to  
"Elita Letwin, LYL 159 West 23rd St., NYC, NY", with a  
return address of Room 2, 10-50 6th Ave., at 40th St.,  
NY 18, NY.

A letter inside the envelope contained the heading  
NEW YORK COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 10-50  
6th Ave., NY 18, NY, and was dated 2/18/55. It was addressed  
to "Dear Friend," and commented on the tremendous success  
of the testimonial dinner in honor of Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, in  
Chicago. The letter also advised of a state wide meeting  
for Wednesday, February 23, at 8 P. M., in the Committee office.  
An invitation was extended to the people to attend this  
meeting to get a first-hand report on what transpired at  
the UREY dinner and the conference which took place after  
the dinner, in that new aspects of the case in terms of the  
~~current~~ events were to have been discussed. The letter is  
attached with a copy of this memo designated for the above-  
captioned organization.

Care should be taken to protect the informant's  
identity, in case any of the above information is utilized  
in a report.

1- NY [REDACTED] 12-14  
1- NY (100-107111) b-7c

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New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell  
1050 Sixth Ave., New York 18, N.Y. LO 4-9585

February 18, 1955.

Dear Friend:

We are sure you have heard of the tremendous success of the testimonial dinner given in honor of Dr. Harold C. Urey in Chicago and read the reports in the press.

You will want to get a first hand report on the dinner and the conference which took place the day after the dinner. New aspects of the case in terms of the current events will have to be discussed. We feel that a new approach is timely, and on this new approach we are basing our program.

We are therefore calling a city-wide meeting for next Wednesday, February 23rd, 8 p.m. in the committee office, 1050 Sixth Avenue.

We urge you to attend this very important meeting. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

Sincerely,

THE NEW YORK COMMITTEE

Room 2  
1050 Sixth Avenue  
at 40th Street  
New York 18, N.Y.

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Elita Letwin  
Labor Youth League  
159 West 23rd St.  
New York City, NY



SAC, NEW YORK (100-115609)

12/21/55

SA FVERETT K. DEANE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN  
ACTIVITIES

By letter to the Director dated 11/9/55, the Washington Field Office forwarded to the NYO a copy of the HCUA publication entitled "Investigation of Communist Activities (The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and Affiliates), Part I and II", setting forth the testimony of the several witnesses appearing before the HCUA at Washington, D. C., on 8/3,4,5/55.

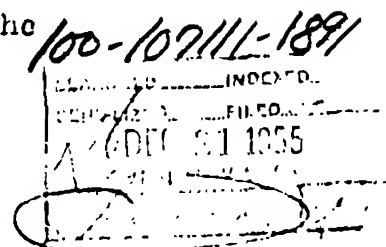
A copy of this memo is being designated for those witnesses appearing before the Committee, who either reside in the area covered by the NYO (LOUIS HARAP), or are subjects of current investigations in which the NYO is office of origin (EMILY and DAVID ALMAN).

For the information of agents receiving a copy of this memorandum, current Bureau instructions direct that where an individual appears in Washington, D. C., to testify before the Committee, the office covering his residence should review the testimony. Bureau instructions direct that the office covering the residence of the witness should thoroughly review the transcripts immediately upon receipt and advise the Bureau of the identities of each person mentioned as having been active in CP affairs. Such data should be submitted under the caption of the various individuals identified as Communists.

The memo must contain a statement as to whether or not the individual has been the subject of Bureau investigation and what action is being taken on any information. In those cases where an investigation has been conducted, you should advise the Bureau whether the individual is a Security Index subject.

- 1 - [REDACTED] (12-14)
- 1 - [REDACTED] (12-15) b7c
- 1 - [REDACTED] (7-2)
- 1 - 100-107111 (Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case) (Info) (7-2)
- 1 - 100-115609

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NY 100-115609

In those instances where an individual has been investigated by the Bureau and new information obtained in hearings does not warrant additional investigation, you should consider requesting authority for interview. Further, you should submit your recommendation regarding interviews of any "friendly witnesses".

In those instances where a person testifies about an individual who does not reside within the office covering the residence of the witness, it is a responsibility of that office to advise the appropriate office of the nature of the testimony and of Bureau instructions.

For your information and guidance, upon receipt of transcripts of testimony from the Washington Field Office, you are directed to advise the Bureau of the status of your review within one week after receipt of the individual transcript. Thereafter, you will be required to submit weekly letters advising of the status of your review until the project is completed and the necessary action has been taken in accordance with Bureau instructions.

In those instances where you are unable to readily determine the present residence of the person identified as a Communist from a review of your files, you may desire to request a review of Bureau files or an interview with the "friendly witness" for additional data to assist you.

Your final letter advising of the completion of your review should contain a statement regarding the number of witnesses testifying, the number of persons identified as Communists, the fact that the Bureau has been advised under the caption of each individual's name and the information furnished by the "friendly witnesses, that recommendations have been forwarded to the Bureau

Memo  
NY 100-115609

regarding interviews with "friendly witnesses" and that recommendations have been forwarded to the Bureau under the caption of each individual's name regarding additional investigation or the advisability of conducting interviews with these persons.

Parts I and II of the TCUA publication, above referred to, have been placed in the library of the NYO for reference and review.

A copy of this memo is being designated for the New York file on the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case for information.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
FROM :  
SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

DATE: 12/22/55

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950  
(O.O. New York)

Rerop of SA LINCOLN J. STOKES 5/5/55 at Newark  
and Bulet dated 12/2/55.

A review of instant file reflects that no pertinent  
information has been received by this office concerning this  
subject subsequent to the submission of rerop.

Newark files indicate a lack of activity concerning  
the captioned organization in New Jersey. In view of this  
lack of activity, the Newark Office will no longer maintain an  
active file concerning this organization UACB. In the event  
information is received in the future relative to any activity  
on the part of this organization, investigation will be  
immediately reinstituted and the Bureau and the New York Office  
will be advised.

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2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - New York (100-107111) (RM)  
~~1 - Newark (RM)~~

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12/23/55

SA CHARLES E. GUNTER, JR. ✓

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY  
FORMER [REDACTED] b7D

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furnished	Agent	Location
FORMER [REDACTED] b7D	Letter from Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	12/13/55	CHARLES E. GUNTER, Jr. (Document)	[REDACTED] (9) b7D

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

On 12/13/55, Former [REDACTED] furnished a letter, undated, on letterhead of the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, NYC, NY. This letter was headed 'HENNING'S COMMITTEE AND THE SOBELL CASE'. The letter claimed that new evidence had been uncovered in the SOBELL case and cited as an example some testimony by HARRY GOLD before a jury in Dayton, Ohio in June, 1955. b7D

The letter further urged that the recipient of the letter write to:

SENATOR THOMAS C. HENNING, JR.  
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

The purpose of these communications was to request that the Subcommittee investigate violations of basic rights in the case of MORTON SOBELL.

The letter was mailed in Baltimore, Md.

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ccs:

100-15241 (COM. TO SECURE JUST. FOR MORTON SOBELL)

(1) NEW YORK (100-107111 COMM. TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)  
(REGIS. MAIL)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 9 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21/55; 1/3-5/56	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT E. HASON</b> CK
TITLE <b>NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka: National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

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## DETAILS:

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

On June 22, 1955 Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

WASHINGTON STATE SOBELL COMMITTEE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] petitions which ask that MORTON SOBELL be transferred from ALCATRAZ PRISON in California. [REDACTED]

b2D

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1 - Region III (REG.)			
2 - Seattle (100-22197)			

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SE 100-22197

Informant observed [REDACTED] that communications received by the local SOBELL COMMITTEE originated from the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. b7D

Confidential Informant T-2, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that "KELLY" CANAFAN on [REDACTED] b7D

Confidential Informant T-3, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that BERNARD FREYD was known to be an active Communist Party member as late as November, 1955.

JOHN S. DASCHBACH was tried in Federal Court at Seattle for violation of the SMITH ACT OF 1940 and on October 16, 1953 [REDACTED] b7C

The CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant T-4, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised during June, 1955 that [REDACTED] WASHINGTON STATE SOBELL COMMITTEE [REDACTED] The informant stated that [REDACTED] this Committee stressed the importance of transferring MORTON SOBELL out of Alcatraz Penitentiary to another institution. Also, according to T-4, [REDACTED] b7D

Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during June, 1955 that [REDACTED] was passing out petitions addressed to the Bureau of Prisons calling for the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz. The informant observed that the petitions carried a statement to the effect that they were issued by the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York. b7D

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On August 1, 1955 Confidential Informant T-6, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] C.R.C.  
leaflets encouraging the sale of literature which could be procured from the NATIONAL ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE in New York City.

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On August 8, 1955 T-6 advised that JOHN DASCHBACH [REDACTED]

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On August 8, 1955 T-6 supplied the information that the local ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE headed by "KELLY" CAMEFAK [REDACTED]

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SARAH LESSER was one of the attorneys retained by convicted Smith Act defendants at Seattle during 1953.

[REDACTED] the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in favor of a new trial for SOBELL. T-4 provided this information during August, 1955.

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ALBERT KAHN is the publisher of HARVEY LATUSON's book, "THE FALSE WITNESS".

During August, 1955 Confidential Informant T-7, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that on August 20, 1955 "KELLY" CAMEFAK [REDACTED]

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On November 14, 1955 T-4 advised subject organization sponsored an affair held on November 12, 1955 at Polish Hall in Seattle which was in the nature of a benefit smorgasbord for the local SOBELL COMMITTEE.

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INFORMANTS

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
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T-1: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/22/55	EDWARD BREKKE	[REDACTED]
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T-2: [REDACTED]	Characterization of CAROLINE "KELLY" CAMERON.			
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T-3: [REDACTED]	Characterization of BERNARD FREYD.			
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T-4: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	6/21/55	JOHN L. KETCHAM	[REDACTED]
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T-4: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/8/55	" " "	[REDACTED]
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T-4: [REDACTED]	Smorgasbord 11/12/55	11/14/55	" " "	[REDACTED]
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T-5: Former (By request)	Leaflets 6/17/55	6/21/55	JOHN A. DRAKE	[REDACTED]
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T-6: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/1/55	ROBERT H. WICK	[REDACTED]
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T-6: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/8/55	" " "	[REDACTED]
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T-6: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	" " "	[REDACTED]
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T-7: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/25/55	CHARLES E. ROBINSON	[REDACTED]
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Careful consideration has been given to all sources concealed and T symbols were utilized only where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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LEADS

THE SEATTLE DIVISION:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

The activities of subject group to be covered until specific information of its dissolution has been received.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT E. MASCH dated 6/24/55 at Seattle, Wash.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: January 10, 1956

FROM : <sup>CUB</sup> ~~ASAC~~ SAC, Detroit (100-20938)SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C

On December 2, 1955, CSDE-541-S\*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity should be protected, advised that certain written materials from the captioned organization have been received by the Civil Rights Congress of Michigan, 918 Charlevoix Building, Detroit, Michigan.

The above source has furnished photographic copies of this material and they are being enclosed herewith. These items are described as follows:

1. Letter dated November 4, 1955, over signature of *18703* DAVID ALMAN.
2. Memo on letterhead of captioned organization which is entitled "Hennings Committee and the Sobell Case." *18704*
3. Letter dated November 18, 1955, over signature of *18705* TED JACOBS.
4. Press release typed memo dated November 19, (1955.) *18706*
5. Letter dated November 14, 1955, over signature of DAVID ALMAN and enclosures with this letter.
6. Copy of undated letter over the signature of HELEN L. SOBELL.
7. Press release typed memo dated November 12, (1955).

The New York Office is requested to make any necessary dissemination of the enclosures and this office has not retained any copies of these items.

2 - NEW YORK (100-107111) (Encls-*Don* *Reg.*)  
2 - Detroit (100-20938)  
1 - 100-23250 (CRC)

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*THS*  
SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
IS-C

Rebusairtel to Newark, 12/22/55, captioned  
"Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio  
and Machine Workers of America, IS-C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter to Director, 1/6/56, captioned  
"Cominfil UERAWA, IS-C, ISA of 1950."

Re Newark letter requested the NYO to furnish  
the Bureau two Photostats each of certain documents  
which [redacted] had furnished the Newark Office, and  
which the Newark Office had forwarded to the NYO, since  
they were of no value to the Newark Office. b7D

Re Newark letter, page 2, paragraph 3, reports  
that by letter dated 4/9/53, Newark forwarded to NY  
under caption "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C" a letter dated 3/25/53,  
with the heading "NEW YORK COMMITTEE FOR CLEMENCY FOR  
THE ROSENBERGS."

Enclosed are two Photostats of this letter and  
also two Photostats of an order form which was forwarded  
with the letter for purchasing tickets for the April 26  
Randall's Island rally of the New York Committee for  
Clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

Re Newark letter, page 2, paragraph last, and  
items 1 and 2 on page 3, reports that by letter dated  
1/11/54, Newark forwarded to NY, under caption, "NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, IS-C,"  
the following items:

1. An 8 page printed pamphlet bearing the caption,  
"Did the Rosenbergs have Full Measure of Justice?". This  
was issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice  
in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York, New York.

4 - Bureau (100-387835) (Enc. 4) (RM)

1 - 100-26912 (RM)

2 - Newark (100-6231) (RM) b7D

1 - New York (100-107111) b7D

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Letter to Director  
NY(100-107111)

2. One copy of a printed pamphlet captioned, "The Scientist in Alcatraz." This pamphlet refers to MARTIN SOBELL, currently incarcerated in Alcatraz, and was issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case.

These documents were destroyed in the NYO. If the Bureau desires copies of these documents as received from sources other than [REDACTED] they can be forwarded.

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NK 100-36202

NEWARK, N.J.

1/18/56

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IS - C  
Daylet

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reported to SA JAMES E. HARVEY on 1/17/56 that at a meeting of the CURRENT EVENTS FORUM OF NEWARK, held at 516 Clinton Ave., Newark, N.J., on 1/13/56, two leaflets issued by the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y., were distributed. b7D

One leaflet is captioned "Author WALDO FRANK Asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL" and the second leaflet is captioned "U.S. Senator WILLIAM LANGER Asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL".

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- 3 - Director, FBI (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - New York (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 3 - Newark (100-36202)
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- 1 - NK 100-420444 (Daylet File)

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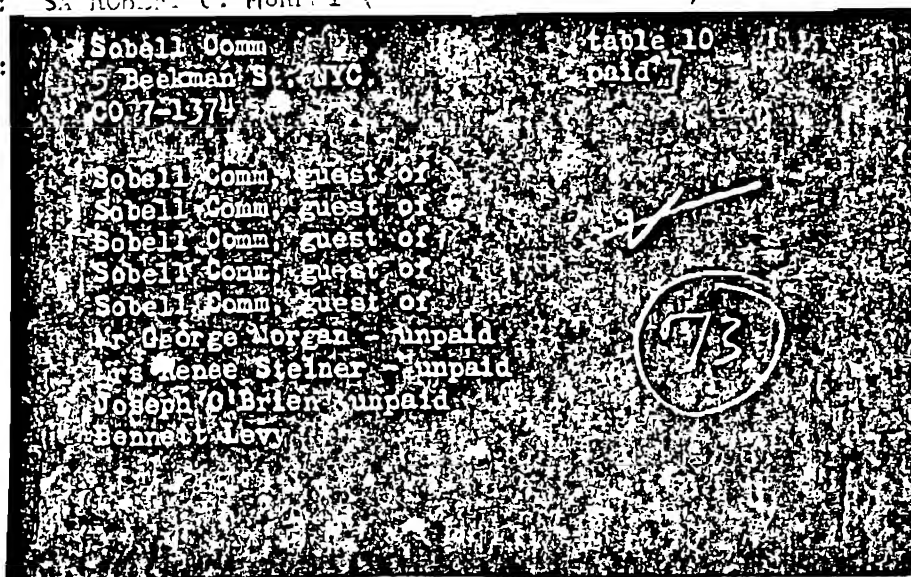
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 1-11-1956

FROM : SA ROBERT C. MURPHY (100-107419-1724)

SUBJECT :



Source: NY 1676-S\*

Reliability: Was in a position to furnish reliable information

Date received: 12-16-55

Agent: SA ROBERT C. MURPHY

Location: 100-107419-1724(6)

The name of the above individual and the additional information shown on the photostat appeared on a 3" x 5" card furnished by NY 1676-S\*. The original card has been returned to the informant. A photostat copy is retained in NY 100-107419-1724(6).

The informant advised that the card and others like it were used to seat guests at a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, held on 12-15-55 at the Capitol Hotel, NYC, in honor of the 16th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The letters "s.w.", the informant advised, apparently mean "seated with", followed by the name of the person at whose table captioned individual was seated, and the table number. The informant was unable to state whether or not captioned individual actually attended the dinner.

Where the name of captioned individual is followed by several names, the informant related, it is believed that this individual was a table holder at the 12-15-55 dinner, and the listed persons were seated at his table.

If this information is used in a report it must be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant. The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is characterized in SAC letter 65-62.

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100-107419-1899

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FBI - NEW YORK	

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: JAN 18 1956

FROM : SA ROBERT C. MURPHY (100-107111)(7-2)

SUBJECT : Sobel Committee, guest of [redacted] unpaid



Source: NY 1676-S\*

Reliability: Was in a position to furnish reliable information

Date received: 12-16-55

Agent: SA ROBERT C. MURPHY

Location: 100-107419-1724(6)

The name of the above individual and the additional information shown on the photostat appeared on a 3" x 5" card furnished by NY 1676-S\*. The original card has been returned to the informant. A photostat copy is retained in NY 100-107419-1724(6).

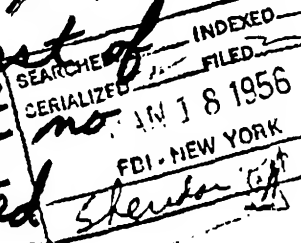
The informant advised that the card and others like it were used to seat guests at a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, held on 12-15-55 at the Capitol Hotel, NYC, in honor of the 164th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The letters "s.u.", the informant advised, apparently mean "seated with", followed by the name of the person at whose table captioned individual was seated, and the table number. The informant was unable to state whether or not captioned individual actually attended the dinner.

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If this information is used in a report it must be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant. The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is characterized in SAC letter 55-62.

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4 other cards marked "Guest of  
Sobel Committee, but no  
Sobel Committee listed





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NEWARK, N.J.  
1/18/56

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

CURRENT EVENTS FORUM OF NEWARK  
IS - C  
Daylet

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported to SA JAMES E. HARVEY on 1/17/56 on the meeting of the CURRENT EVENTS FORUM OF NEWARK, held at 516 Clinton Ave., Newark, N.J., on January 13, 1956.

According to the Informant, 55 to 60 people attended this session of the Forum to hear the principal speaker, JACK GREEN, Editor of the "March of Labor", whose topic was "The True Meaning of the AFL-CIO Merger".

GREEN stated that the real purpose of the merger was to form a third political party. He expressed dislike for GEORGE MEANY, President of the merged union, because of his policies which showed favoritism towards non-satellite or anti-Communist countries.

According to the Informant, it was GREEN's opinion that WALTER RUTHER would run for the office of Vice President of the United States eventually.

See Page 2  
Dissemination

GREEN indicated that labor would at present affiliate with the Democratic Party but would eventually organize a third party which would be powerful with its 15,000,000 members. He also indicated that the UE would be taken back into this merged union.

According to the Informant, a second speaker at the meeting was an individual introduced only as GEORGE from the IUE at a Westinghouse Plant in Jersey City.

- 1 - Director, FBI (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - New York (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 - Newark (100-30275)
- 1 - NY 100-4284AA (Meetings)
- 1 - NY 100-4284LL (Daylet File)

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Handwritten signatures and initials, including "J. E. Connelley" and "J. E. Connelley, Jr."

GEORGE, according to the Informant, discussed the plight of the strikers and made an appeal for food, clothing and money for the strikers.

As a result of the appeal, a collection of \$78.45 was made and this money turned over to GEORGE.

The Bureau's attention is directed to a comment made by GEORGE regarding the U.S. Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL. GEORGE stated BROWNELL was a Westinghouse lawyer and, therefore, the union did not stand much chance of winning the strike from the company.

According to the Informant, a leaflet issued by the MARTHA STONE DEFENSE COMMITTEE, of 516 Clinton Ave., Newark, was distributed at the meeting. This leaflet, captioned "Informer Sings Company Tune", is critical of Government witness AMERICO FIORE, International Representative of the IUE. Also distributed at the meeting were two items issued by the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York City. One was captioned "Author WALDO FRANK Asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL" and the second captioned "U.S. Senator WILLIAM LANGER Asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL".

According to the Informant, a leaflet issued by the U.I. captioned "What's Really Inside the Westinghouse Five-Year Package" was also distributed at this meeting.

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JANUARY 20, 1956

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SAC, NEWARK (100-30202)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR HORTON ROPELL, IS-C-13  
Reurairtel 1-18-56 concerning distribution of two leaflets  
issued by captioned organization.

It is desired that efforts be made to obtain and forward  
two copies of the above leaflets.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FORM No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JAN 23 1956</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/28/55; 1/3, 4, 5, 6, 9-12/56</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>SA MARION E. HUMMEL (TUM)</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosen- berg-Sobell Case, Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case, Philadelphia Sobell Committee</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS  Synopsis of Facts: Very little activity reported on part of local Committee. Literature was distributed in June and August of 1955. HERMAN E. THOMAS testified before open hearing of HCUA on 8-3-55 that in 1952 the Communis Party distributed literature concerning the ROSENBERG case in the Allentown, Pa. area. Informants report no activity on part of organization subsequent to August, 1955.  - P * -  DETAILS: The title of this report is being marked changed to reflect the addition of the name Philadelphia Sobell Committee, which is the name last utilized by the local Committee.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 6-Bureau (100-387835) (REGISTERED) 2-G2, Philadelphia (REGISTERED) 1-ONI, Philadelphia (REGISTERED) 1-OSI, Harrisburg (REGISTERED) 2-New York (100-107111) (REGISTERED) 2-Philadelphia (100-37667)		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  100-107111-1903  JAN 23 1956 FBI - NEW YORK	

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I. ORGANIZATION

A. BACKGROUND OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG  
CASE (NCSJRC)

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED] advised in January, 1952 that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952 for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGs. b7D

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1954 that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party takes an extremely active part in assisting the Committee.

Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 15, 1954 that the Communist Party directs the activities of the NCSJRC. On June 30, 1955, T-2 advised that the NCSJRC continues to maintain a national office at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to T-2, the Committee objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGs.

Confidential Informant T-1, on August 4, 1955, advised that the Communist Party continued active interest in the NCSJRC and was attempting to secure the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the East Coast.

B. BACKGROUND OF PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE  
TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG  
CASE (PCSJRC)

On January 23, 1953, Mr. LEO BUSCH, secretary to the Commissioner of Police, Philadelphia Police Department, made available to SA WILLIAM G. CURRALL a photostat of a notification of a meeting which was dated October 10, 1952. This notification was on the stationery of the "Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case" and advised that a meeting was to be held on October 14, 1952 at Town Hall, Philadelphia, under the auspices of the PCSJRC.

On April 14, 1953, Mrs. TELETHA LONG, supervisor, Division of Solicitations, Department of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 812 Blackstone Building, Harrisburg, Pa., advised SA MORGAN L. MIDTHUN that by letter dated February 17, 1953, JEAN D. FRANTJIS, as Executive Secretary of the PCSJRC, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, had advised her division of the Department of Public Instruction that the Committee in Philadelphia was an affiliate of the NCSJRC, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

On August 11, 1955, Mr. WILLIAM L. RAFSKY, Housing Coordinator, City of Philadelphia, who resides at the Carl Mackley Apartments "M" and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, furnished the Philadelphia Office by mail a mimeographed leaflet dated August 1, 1955, which bore the typewritten signature of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee. This leaflet indicated that the PCSJRC was now being called the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee.

Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 10, 1951 that JEAN D. FRANTJIS was a member of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CP EPD) as of that date.

C. HEADQUARTERS

Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 2, 1955 that as of that date the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continued to utilize Room 30, 932 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, as a local headquarters.

The leaflet dated August 1, 1955 issued by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, previously mentioned, indicates that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to utilize Post Office Box 805,

Philadelphia 5, Pa. as a return address.

On January 12, 1956, the premises located at 932 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, were observed by SA MARION B. HUMMEL. It was noted that Room 30 at this address bore no notation to the effect that it was occupied by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee; however, the address directory located at the entrance to the building indicated that Room 30 was occupied by JEAN D. FRANTJIS.

D. OFFICERS

The pamphlet issued by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee which was furnished by Mr. WILLIAM L. RAFSKY, previously mentioned, on August 11, 1955, states "JEAN D. FRANTJIS, the former Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, now holds the same position for the Philadelphia Sobell Committee."

No information has been received which reflects that there are any additional officers of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED], Confidential Informant T-3 advised that [REDACTED] letters were mailed by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee in the Philadelphia area. These letters contained a mimeographed leaflet entitled "In Memory of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG - Removal from Alcatraz - A New Trial for MORTON SOBELL." This leaflet stated that June 19 was the second anniversary of the death of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and that while the death of the ROSENBERGS, in itself, was final, the fight for justice continues for the third defendant in the case, MORTON SOBELL. It urges that people in Philadelphia should appeal to JAMES BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Washington, D. C., for the transfer of SOBELL from Alcatraz. The leaflet also announces that the book "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" by JOHN WEXLEY is now on sale, and urges that at least 500 copies of this book be sold in Philadelphia and vicinity. It states that this book may be ordered through the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa., and that the price is \$6.00, plus twenty-five cents postage. The letters

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also contained a throwaway on the book "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" which purports to be a book review of this book. This throwaway was issued by the "SOBELL Committee," Room 2, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

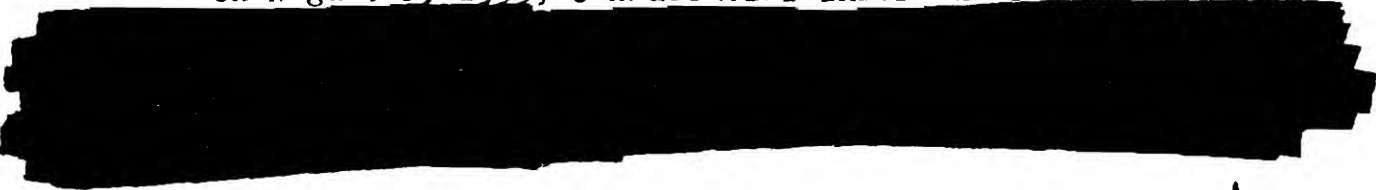
On June 28, 1955, Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, also made available the contents of one of the above-mentioned letters.

On September 11, 1953, JUDITH RAYMOND, Los Angeles, California, testified under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in executive session. In her testimony, which was subsequently released by the Committee, Miss RAYMOND stated that she had been a member of the Communist Party from the late Spring of 1945 until 1949. She testified that in January 1946, she was transferred within the Communist Party to a group composed mostly of writers and of which she was the Treasurer and Financial Director. One of the members of this group whom she identified as a Communist Party member was JOHN WEXLEY.

The June 17, 1955 issue of the "Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker," on page 16, column 4, contained an article captioned "Committee Seeks Removal of SOBELL from Alcatraz." This article stated that the local SOBELL Committee was preparing material detailing recent developments "in the expose of the frame-ups" in the ROSENBERG case and the SOBELL case. Readers were asked to urge Director of Federal Prisons JAMES V. BENNETT to have SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz to some other Federal prison. The article also stated that the local Committee had undertaken to sell 500 copies of the book by JOHN WEXLEY entitled "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG." This article pointed out that "The National SOBELL Committee" was responsible for the publication of this book.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast, Communist newspaper.

On August 2, 1955, Confidential Informant T-3 advised that





On August 11, 1955, Mr. WILLIAM L. RAFSKY, previously mentioned, made available by mail a mimeographed leaflet dated Aug. 1, 1955 which was issued by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. This leaflet noted that on July 27 JEAN D. FRANTJIS, the former Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, who now holds the same position for the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee, had received a subpoena to appear before the "House Un-American Activities Committee" in Washington on August 3. In part, this leaflet states as follows:

" . . . . Those of us who have interested ourselves in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case have asked: 'Why this investigation now instead of two years ago when tempers in Congress were so hot that a move was on even to impeach Supreme Court Justice DOUGLAS for granting a stay of execution?' We believe the following facts answer that question:

"1. Publication within the past month of a detailed study of the case by author-dramatist JOHN WEXLEY, called The Judgement of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG. This book, which promises a wide circulation and heightened interest in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case, discloses some hitherto unknown contradictions and perjuries in the testimony of prosecution witnesses.

"2. The completed discrediting of HARRY GOLD, the 'connecting link' in the ROSENBERG Case, by a jury in Dayton, Ohio on June 18th in the little known SMILG case. The jury, in effect, found that this key ROSENBERG witness was a perjurer.

"3. The intensification of efforts to secure a new trial for SOBELL in the Fall.

"4. The awareness, growing out of the LAMB case and out of admissions by HARVEY MATUSOW and other professional informers, that there has been collusion between unscrupulous government prosecutors and certain witnesses in fabricating testimony. (ROY COHN was assistant prosecutor in the ROSENBERG Case)

"The Nation magazine, in an editorial on July 23rd, charged that the Attorney General currently is attempting:

"(a) to defend against subsequent reversal or other logical modification the various convictions it has obtained in the courts, as well as the findings and orders of administrative agencies, against political dissenters based on the use of professional witnesses and political informers of highly dubious character and veracity. The department has an enormous vested interest in maintaining these convictions and findings.

"(b) to safeguard the system of political informers which has been built up in recent years and which now shows every sign of early disintegration of their veracity as witnesses.

"There is reason to believe the House Un-American Activities Committee is adopting the same technique in respect to the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case.

"The effort to secure clemency of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and the present effort to secure a new trial for their co-defendant MORTON SOBELL was beyond doubt the greatest single redress in movement in modern history. Millions of Americans including 2500 Protestant ministers, rabbis such as ABBA HILLEL SILVER, scientists and jurists of the caliber of ALBERT EINSTEIN, Dr. HAROLD C. UREY and Chief Justice JAMES WOLFE of the Utah Supreme Court -- joined hundreds of millions abroad led by Pope Pius XII in pleading that the lives of these two parents be spared. We, in Phila. played an important role in this campaign.

"Inevitably involved in any such investigation by the House Committee is the principle of freedom of speech and association - a principle subscribed to overwhelmingly by the American people regardless of their diverse opinions on any particular issue itself. Because the effort to secure clemency was the largest and most important movement of our times, every attack on it directly affects the rights of millions of Americans to ask for a redress of grievances.

"We believe an investigation of the facts in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case is indispensable to a just and humane adjudication of this case. We will bend every effort in the current Un-American Activities Committee hearings to discuss and debate publicly the facts in the case.

"As the Nobel Prize winner, Dr. HAROLD UREY stated it: 'The integrity of Justice as administered in the United States is at stake.'

"As you have done in the past, we are sure you will want to act in this present situation. We, therefore, suggest the following:

"1. Write to Congressman FRANCIS E. WALTER, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Washington, D.C., respecting the rights of those who sought review of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case to hold their opinions and to act on them. Request an end to such type of witch-hunts and for an honest investigation into the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case.

"2. Write to the newspapers - including all such newspapers in communities wherein you live.

"3. We urge you to read the WEXLEY book immediately and get it into the hands of many other people. Same may be ordered from the Committee. The price is \$6.00 plus 25¢ postage.

"4. You may help further in this urgent moment by sending any contribution to continue the efforts to secure justice which is long overdue.

Sincerely yours,

PHILA. SOBELL COMMITTEE"

Copies of the above-mentioned leaflet were furnished by the following Confidential Informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, on the dates indicated:

T-3	-	August 5, 1955
T-5	-	August 23, 1955
T-6	-	August 17, 1955
T-7	-	August 25, 1955

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

On August 2, 3, and 4, 1955, the Subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities held public hearings on the Communist activities of The Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case and affiliates.

On August 3, 1955, HERMAN E. THOMAS, Allentown, Pa., testified that he had been a member of the Communist Party from April 1944 until May 6, 1954, during which period he furnished information to the FBI. Testimony given by THOMAS appears on pages 2101 through 2115 and on page 2124 of the HCUA publication "Investigation of Communist Activities (The Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case and affiliates) Part I," printed by the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1955. This testimony is summarized as follows:

THOMAS testified that in the latter part of 1952, a meeting was held at the home of SYLVIA FREEDLAND, Allentown, Pa. At this meeting, which was attended by approximately twelve or fourteen people, of whom THOMAS knew all but three or four to be Communist Party members, a committee was formed to secure justice for the ROSENBERGs, inasmuch as it would disseminate literature, raise money send telegrams, and be responsible for that kind of work. Prior to this meeting, literature pertaining to the ROSENBERGs was obtained from District Communist Party Headquarters in Philadelphia and was distributed through the Communist Party Clubs in the Lehigh Valley Section, CP EPD. Some of this material was put out by the NCSJRC and the Communist Party in Allentown undertook the responsibility of dissemination of this material. There were no actual officers of the group in Allentown. THOMAS identified as members of the Communist Party who actively participated in the work of the

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ROSENBERG Committee in Allentown: IRVING RISKIN, ADELAIDE RISKIN, HARRIET KAROL, SYLVIA FREEDLAND, and THOMAS, himself. TED NORTON, whom THOMAS identified as a Communist Party member, was actively engaged in the same work in Easton, Pa. It is to be noted that THOMAS' testimony pertains to the latter part of 1952.

In addition to HERMAN E. THOMAS, Mrs. SYLVIA FREEDLAND, Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. ADELAIDE RISKIN, Allentown, Pa.; THEODORE E. NORTON, Easton, Pa.; and JEAN D. FRANTJIS, Philadelphia, Pa., were subpoenaed to testify before this hearing. These individuals furnished testimony regarding their own background data; however, they refused to testify concerning Communist Party membership or their connection with the NCSJRC.

The following Confidential Informants, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past and all of whom have had connections with the PCSJRC and the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee, were contacted on the dates indicated concerning any current activity on the part of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee. In each instance, the informant advised that, to his knowledge, the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee had not engaged in any local activities subsequent to August 1955. -

T-3	-	January 4, 1956
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T-15	-	January 12, 1956

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Administrative Data

Copies of this report are being disseminated to intelligence agencies on a local level inasmuch as they have expressed an interest in this organization.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

Informants

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T-1

Characterization of NCSJRC.

6-7-54,  
8-4-55

T-2

Characterization of NCSJRC.

6-15-54,  
6-30-55

T-3

letters mailed by Philadelphia SOBELL Committee.

SA WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN (oral)

8-2-55

SA FURMAN N. 100-37667-1879  
GREER (oral)

Leaflet dated 8-1-55 issued by the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee.

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SA FURMAN 100-37667-1B-29-8  
N. GREER

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T-4 [REDACTED]	Characterization of JEAN D. FRANTJIS.	4-10-51		
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	Pamphlet dated 8-1-55 issued by the Phila. SOBELL Committee.	8-23-55	"	100-37667- 1B-28-6
T-6 [REDACTED]	Leaflet dated 8-1-55 issued by the Phila. SOBELL Committee.	8-17-55	SA JAMES E. JARBOE	100-37667- 1B-28-2
T-7 [REDACTED]	Leaflet dated 8-1-55 from the Phila. SOBELL Committee.	8-25-55	SA HARRY C. BELK	100-37667-1B 28-3
T-8 [REDACTED]	Negative contact re activity.	1-4-56	SA WILLIAM F.MC LAUGHLIN	This Report

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T-10 [REDACTED]	"	1-5-56	SA QUENTIN P. STINSON (oral)	This Report
T-11 [REDACTED]	"	"	"	" "
T-12 [REDACTED]	"	"	"	" "
T-13 [REDACTED]	"	1-11-56	SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE (oral)	" "
T-14 [REDACTED]	"	1-10-56	SA MARION B. HUMMEL (oral)	" "
T-15 [REDACTED]	"	1-12-56	SA JAMES E. JARBOE (oral)	" "

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THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION  
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will continue to follow and report the activities  
of the Philadelphia SOBELL Committee.

Reference

Report, SA MARION E. HUMMEL, Philadelphia, dated  
5-31-55.

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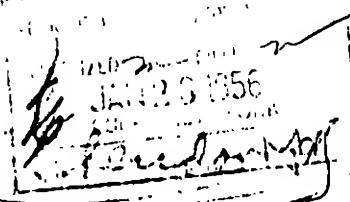
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, also known as  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurairtel dated January 13, 1956, concerning  
meeting of St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for  
Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case held on January 12,  
1956.

If not already accomplished, the St. Louis  
Office is instructed to furnish information contained  
in reairtel to the New York Office, inasmuch as that  
office is origin in connection with the national  
organization. Future activities of the St. Louis  
group should likewise be furnished to the New York  
Office, as well as to the Bureau.

✓ cc - New York (Information)



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SAC, NEW YORK (100-82438)

LOUIS HARAP, was  
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The testimony of the subject before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 84th Congress on August 5, 1955, has been reviewed by the NYO. The subject refused to testify concerning the Communist Party, using as his defense, the First and Fifth Amendments to the United States Constitution. He did not identify any other persons as Communist Party members.

The subject has been investigated by the NYO and is currently on the Security Index. At the present time, a Summary report is being prepared concerning the subject.

In view of the "unfriendly" attitude of the subject during this hearing, an interview with him is not being recommended at this time.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case [REDACTED]

1. Continuation of agitation for new trial for SOBELL. b7D
2. Writing letters to Senator HENNINGS of Missouri urging investigation of perjured witnesses particularly ELIZABETH BENTLEY re Taylor Case. [REDACTED] b7D
3. Pressure campaign on President EISENHOWER for Presidential Pardon for SOBELL.

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Re: National Committee to Secure Justice in the  
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Information furnished by [REDACTED]  
appeared in the following reports on the referenced  
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Prosecutive Summary report of Special Agent Richard  
A. Minnihan, dated June 21, 1955, at New York, as [REDACTED] b7D

Report of Special Agent Richard E. Allen, dated  
September 29, 1955, at Chicago, as [REDACTED] b7D

Report of Special Agent Donald Lee Miller, dated  
April 29, 1954, at Baltimore, as [REDACTED] b7D

Report of Special Agent Charles T. Haynes, dated  
March 10, 1954, at Chicago, as [REDACTED] b7D

Summary report of Special Agent John A. Harrington,  
dated April 28, 1953, at New York, as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7D

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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On 1/27/56 [REDACTED] telephonically advised that AARON SCHNEIDER, not further identified, but believed to be connected with Natl Comm to Secure Justice in SOBELL Case, [REDACTED] contacted him and stated Mrs. SOBELL was coming to MI to visit during 2/10-25/56. SCHNEIDER asked [REDACTED]

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SCHNEIDER agreed and will have SOBELL contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated he wanted his name kept confidential and advised he would inform MI office of results of interview with Mrs. SOBELL and ascertain her address in Miami.

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MI file 100-13105 entitled AARON DAVID SCHNEIDER, wa, SM-C (OO NK), reflects SCHNEIDER to have been in contact with CP.

NK and NY requested ascertain if SCHNEIDER is connected with NC&J.

WEEKS

- 3 - Bureau (100-387335)(RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111)(info)(RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-39175)(info)(RM)
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St. Louis

Director, FBI

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE  
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On 1-26-56 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] copies of a reprint had been disseminated via mail by the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case during January, 1956. It is captioned "Reprinted from The Examiner, a National Review of Current Jewish Life and Thought, Published Weekly by Judea Publishing Corp., 427 Flatbush Avenue, Ext. Brooklyn 1, N.Y. New York Office: 152 W. 42nd Street..... Rabbi Louis D. Gross, Editor. E. G. Bross, Associate Publisher. Albert Friedman, Managing Editor, Vol. LIV - Friday, January 13, 1956".

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It states, "New Books, Queer Facts About a Noted Trial." "It does not speak well for freedom of the press that John Wexley's study of a case that the Columbia Law Review called the most significant political trial of this generation, has been diligently ignored by book-reviewers. In 'The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg,' Mr. Wexley, playwright of 'The Last Mile,' maintains that the Rosenbergs and Sobel were victims of a garish frame-up concocted in an atmosphere of hysteria intensified by the Korean War. We have heard this before, but never so persuasively or bolstered by so many references to the record..... When he turns his focus on Max Elitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Greenglass and the incredible Harry Gold, the number of truly major discrepancies and the lightheaded defiance of common sense in their alleged behavior are overpowering. The 'Rosenberg plot,' as described in this book, appears utterly implausible. This reviewer is no attorney and cannot evaluate Mr. Wexley's facts and theories in legal terms. But for a layman, it is hard to avoid the feeling that there was something fishy about some of the evidence. According to Judge Kaufman, himself, jurist at the trial, the case against the defendants rested essentially on no more than the testimony of Elitcher and Greenglass. If you

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"'disbelieve them,' the jury was told in effect, ' you must acquit the accused.'

"After reading Mr. Wexley's 672 pages of analysis and quotation--even if one rejects his special pleading--one is compelled to 'disbelieve' at least some of the evidence on which the defendants were convicted and executed. One can only echo the comment of newsmen Elmer Davis on this book, 'Assuming that the record is here correctly cited (and I have no reason to suppose that it is not) I cannot believe the testimony of Elitcher and the Greenglasses or much, if any, of that of Harry Gold.

"The Rosenbergs are beyond the power of justice, but their alleged accomplice, Morton Sobell is in Alcatraz, serving a 30-year-term. An investigation and a re-trial would seem warranted on the basis of Mr. Wexley's disclosures. A.F."

At the bottom of this flier is the following: "For more information about the case of Morton Sobell write to: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York."

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SAC, New York

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Rebulet 1-20-56.

Following is a copy of St. Louis Daylet 1-13-56:

*[Redacted]* on 1-13-56 advised *[Redacted]* St. Louis  
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg  
Case *[Redacted]* HAVEN PERKINS, active Committee member,  
*[Redacted]*

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*[Redacted]* CLARA MAE PERKINS,  
co-chairman, St. Louis Committee, contacted Congresswoman LENORE  
SULLIVAN of St. Louis to request help in getting MORTON SOBELL  
transferred from Alcatraz; that Mrs. SULLIVAN declined to inter-  
vene saying it is strictly a legal problem. b7D

*[Redacted]*  
*[Redacted]* St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee *[Redacted]*  
*[Redacted]* was CP front organization  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: 2/2/56

FROM :

SUBJECT: SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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OO: NEW YORK

Re Bureau airtel dated January 20, 1956.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of leaflets captioned "AUTHOR WALDO FRANK asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL" and "United States Senator WILLIAM LANGER asks Justice for MORTON SOBELL."

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-115413)(7-2) DATE: 2/3/56  
FROM : SA ELLSWORTH GUSTAFSON  
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL  
FOR MORTON SOBEL

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CSNY 48-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. This building is occupied by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all of which have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. In addition, other Communist Party front groups and individual CP members or sympathizers occupy offices at this address. Prior to 2/1/53 the State and National Offices of the Civil Rights Congress, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450 were located at this address. Subsequent to that date space in the building has been occupied by SMT Publications, Inc., publishers of "New World Review" formerly known as "Soviet Russia Today" which has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 6/25/42 and 3/29/44.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of evidence will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding information furnished.

Date information received 1/23/56

Identity of employee who can testify as to the receipt of the exhibit:

SA ELLSWORTH GUSTAFSON & SE FRANCIS W. MILLER

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

(X) Place in NY file # 100-115413 Serial \_\_\_\_\_  
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# The Sobell Case

## Across the Country

January, 1956

Issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.  
940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. AL 4-9983

So much has been happening that we are starting the New Year with this newsletter to keep you informed on the highlights. If important activities of some committees are omitted, it is only because there is not enough space to report everything. What kind of year will 1956 be? The tremendous upsurge of activity described below provides the answer. We can make 1956 the year of justice for Morton Sobell and for America.

LEGAL MOTION--Attorneys are planning to file a motion for a new trial in the coming weeks. The motion will be based on new documentary evidence proving knowing use of perjured testimony by the prosecution.

INVESTIGATION--The Sobell case involved co-defendants, "co-conspirators", over a score of witnesses from the U.S. and Mexico in mentioned cities in at least five states and covered some 13 years of the lives of people--to say nothing of the prosecutors, judge, and jury. Despite limited resources, an investigation of the case is being intensified and continues to bear fruit. Some of the results will be revealed for the first time in the forthcoming legal motion.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY DISCREDITED--The loyalty board of the International Penitentiary Fund has cleared William Henry Taylor of accusations made by Elizabeth Bentley. The board reversed its original finding that Taylor was involved in espionage after a brief proving that Bentley lied was submitted. Former Congressman Byron Scott, attorney for Taylor, said the decision was "a strong blow at the credibility" of Bentley. Scott added: "It also raises some sharp questions for Attorney General Brownell and FBI Director Hoover to answer since they have both endorsed her unequivocally." The expose of Bentley has been called to the attention of the Hennings Committee by the national office. This is the second witness of the Rosenberg-Sobell trial to be discredited in six months. In June a Dayton, Ohio, jury refused to believe Harry Gold. The truth about the perjurers is breaking through. This is a timely occasion for stepping up letters to the Hennings Committee.

FREE DISCUSSION--The facts in the Sobell case were brought to a campus meeting at the University of Rochester by author Yuri Suhl, who also was interviewed on a leading Rochester radio program. When some criticism of Suhl's appearance was raised, students backed up the right to air the Sobell case. Commented the Campus Times, student newspaper: "Whether or not we agree with Suhl's opinions is of no importance here. Our interest lies in Suhl being able to freely voice these opinions." The paper said: "The students who were there were willing to listen to Suhl's words, to put what he claimed to be the truth to the test of the open market place." Arrange a campus meeting at the university of your city.

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CANADIANS ON THE MOVE--Helen Sobell recently made a heartening trip to Canada. In Vancouver--a meeting of 350 people. In Calgary--a press conference, radio interview, and public meeting in Calgary's leading hotel arranged by prominent citizens. In Winnipeg--a luncheon attended by 200 people. In Regina--a meeting sponsored by important government officials in the province of Saskatchewan and chaired by the Deputy Minister of Labor. Afterward, an opposition member of the legislature called for firing the public officials who attended. But Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan issued a firm statement saying, "There will be no McCarthyism in Saskatchewan as long as I am able to prevent it." He defended Mrs. Sobell's right to ask for a new trial, and the right of Canadian officials to do the same.

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COMMITTEES ACROSS THE COUNTRY--The St. Louis Committee has just sent a \$400.-- contribution to the national office. St. Louis has been doing extensive mailings of its own leaflets, using the tape recording of Sen. Langer's speech, and visiting important people. Recently a successful visit was had with a member of Congress...The Los Angeles Committee, which now takes in a large area, has held meetings with John Wexley and Helen Sobell, attended by hundreds of people. The Committee is publishing its own newsletter called the L.A. Sobell Announcer, and is doing its own reprints of material...San Francisco and Los Angeles have set up a liaison group. San Francisco arranged numerous meetings for Helen Sobell on her recent trip, and is seeing leading scientists, labor leaders, attorneys, and other influential people. A very successful rummage sale was held... In Berkeley, Calif., Helen Sobell was interviewed over radio station KPFA. The interview was listed in the station's program mailed to subscribers under the heading "JUSTICE--Discussion by Helen Sobell on the case of her husband, convicted of 'conspiracy to commit espionage.'"...There is now a Bay Area Committee embracing San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Mill Valley, Sausalito, Palo Alto, Santa Rosa, and Petaluma...

Chicago is planning a large public meeting for February or March. The Committee is doing considerable mailings, including the Brett Halliday review and its own reprints...New York Committees held 20 house parties and luncheons during the holiday season, and are using the new direct mail kit in extensive mailings. The Brooklyn Heights Committee is distributing 100 complimentary copies of the Wexley book to important persons... People in Allentown, Pa., are encouraged by the fact that one of the "friendly witnesses" in the Un-American Committee hearings against the Sobell Committee was singled out by the voters for a resounding defeat. He placed last in an election for school board...New Orleans is distributing the Langer speech and the Halliday review...New activity is beginning in Akron, Dayton, Cincinnati, and on the campus of Antioch and Oberlin colleges. In Ohio, also in New Haven, Boston, Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, Bridgeport, and Providence, R.I....New Jersey is doing a mailing to raise funds for the legal appeal...Reports from various Committees, also from Washington, indicate that many letters are going to the Hennings Committee. Considerable mail has also gone to the Classification Board of Alcatraz on transfer and also to William Winterbottom Bennett.



"SOBELL COMMITTEE IN EVERY CITY"--with this slogan in mind, members of the national staff are embarking upon a rigorous schedule of field trips. Dave Altman is to visit Philadelphia, Chicago, and cities in California. Aaron Schneider is visiting Austin, Dallas, New Orleans, Winston-Salem, Atlanta and cities in Florida. Ted Jacobs is going to New Haven, Hartford, and Bridgeport, Conn. Helen Sobell is to tour Florida. ALL OF THESE TRIPS ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. They do not include special trips for speaking engagements.

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NEWSPAPER ADS--A large ad on the case was published in the San Francisco Chronicle. Also in papers in Palo Alto and Santa Rosa, Cal. The Chicago Committee is planning an ad in a major Chicago paper...The National Committee on Dec. 24 took the entire back page of the Nation magazine (reprints available). Responses--funds and requests for information--are still coming. One contribution was for \$100...As fast as money is available, ads will be taken in other national publications and major daily newspapers. Start plans for an ad in your area immediately!

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WEXLEY BOOK--Bulletin from the publisher! Some 10,000 copies of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" have been circulated, including the Liberty Book Club edition--an auspicious start for a book of this size and price...Judge Patrick H. O'Brien of Detroit has written a letter asking that newspaper editors review the Wexley book. This letter, together with a return Sobell Committee envelope, is being mailed by the national office to the managing editors of every daily newspaper in the U. S. with circulation over 5,000, with an offer of a free review copy (requests are already being received)...Rabbi Robert Goldburg of a leading New Haven, Conn., synagogue, reviewed Wexley's book from the pulpit, as did Rev. Stephen Fritchman of the Unitarian Church in Los Angeles...A minister in Rhode Island read the book and wrote the Committee asking that Mrs. Sobell come and speak... Yuri Suhl presented a copy of the book to the University of Rochester library...A series of articles based on the book appeared with illustrations in Vie Nuova, one of Italy's leading picture magazines.

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NEW BOOK ON CASE--The book by Yalcof Sharp, professor of Law at the University of Chicago and co-counsel for the Rosenbergs, is soon to be published by Monthly Review Press. The December issue of Monthly Review carries an article by Prof. Sharp titled "New Light on the Rosenberg Case," an analysis of the Reuben and Wexley books.

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REACHING NEW PEOPLE--We sat down to try to figure out the approximate number of people reached with the facts in the past three months and were elated at the statistics. The ad in the San Francisco Chronicle reached some 200,000 people. Add to this the ads in Palo Alto, Santa Rosa, and the Nation. The national office has distributed 150,000 pieces of literature since October, not including the thousands of pieces of material mailed by individual committees and neighborhood groups. Hundreds of thousands of people were reached through the wire service stories on Senator Langer's statements in papers throughout the country, and additional hundreds of thousands in radio newscasts on Langer. It is conservative to say that well over a million people were reached in the last 90 days. This is only the beginning compared to what we can and must do in the coming months...New literature to reach more people is being prepared, including a sizeable new pamphlet on the Sobell case.

INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBIT--Works of eminent artists will be exhibited and given to contributors at an art show in New York City at the Great Northern Hotel from Feb. 21 - 26 under sponsorship of the New York Committee. Rockwell Kent, noted artist and designer of the jacket for the "exley" book, has written a letter asking American artists to support the project. Many outstanding U. S. artists, as well as artists from abroad, are contributing their work.

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XMAS IN ALCATRAZ--Morton Sobell writes his wife that he has received many of the holiday cards sent from all parts of the United States and the world. Mrs. Sobell found him well on her recent visit and in good spirits because of the work you are doing, and the pending legal moves. To all who sent cards, he extends his thanks and his best wishes in return.

### *Funds for Truth*

More Funds! More Work! Our chief limitation is enough money to undertake the projects possible.

While funds have been coming in, the total is only a token toward the amounts really needed. We could

reach millions of people if we had the funds. There would be a thousand times more to report if money were available for more mailings, meetings, field trips, newspaper ads, radio time, legal investigation etc. Let's get the "funds for truth" and keep it coming to the national office for the campaign.

Make 1956 the year of justice for Morton Sobell and for America!

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## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DON ROTHENBERG of Cleveland made two week trip in late 1954 through the South to obtain aid in getting MORTON SOBELL removed from Alcatraz Prison. JOHN WEXLER and HELEN SOBELL made several speeches in Cleveland in 1955 to obtain aid for MORTON SOBELL. DON and MILDRED ROTHENBERG testified at the HCUA hearings on the NCSJRC on 8/2/55. Literature disseminated in Cleveland published by the NCSJRC, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York.

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## DETAILS:

The sources represented in the following report by a T symbol have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

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I. ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CLEVELAND COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR THE ROSENBERG CASE (CCSJC)

Source: [REDACTED]

On August 25, 1955, this source advised that on August 20, 1955, JAMES WELLS (member of the Cedar-Central Section of the Communist Party (CP) of Cleveland in 1953, according to [REDACTED] and presently Chairman of the Civil Rights Congress of Cleveland, according to [REDACTED] stated that MILDRED ROTHENBERG (active in the Progressive Party (PP) of Ohio during 1950 and 1951, according to [REDACTED])

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Concerning the Progressive Party, the National Committee, CP-USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolutions Growing out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs", issue of July, 1953, stated in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the PP and greatly supported the PP through the 1952 elections. .

Concerning "Political Affairs", mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted CP functionary, testified in the case "United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN et al." on October 20, 1952, stating that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

It may be noted that the CP has been designated by the U.S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source [REDACTED] has advised in 1952 that the PP of Ohio was organized, controlled, and dominated by members of the CP of Ohio.

Source: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on January 11, 1955, that at a meeting of the PP of Cleveland held on January 4, 1955, at 681 East 105th Street, DON ROTHENBERG (member-at-large of the CP of Washington,

D. C., in 1947, according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 11, 1951, and State Director of the PP of Ohio, according to literature published by the PP of Ohio and received from [REDACTED] on May 9, 1955) made a report on his trip for the MORTON SOBELL Committee through South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, and Massachusetts. ROTHENBERG stated he contacted ministers, priests, and rabbies of all faiths and asked them to write to United States Prison Officials asking that SOBELL be removed from Alcatraz to some other prison. [REDACTED] b7D

The above information was corroborated by [REDACTED] on January 31, 1955. [REDACTED] 3/16/56 See Serial 1956

Source: [REDACTED]

On November 12, 1954, source advised that DON ROTHENBERG [REDACTED]

On May 18, 1955, source advised that [REDACTED] the Cleveland Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] JOHN WEXLER (author of the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg") [REDACTED] b7D

On June 7, 1955, source advised that [REDACTED] b7D

BERTHA TEMENBAUM (active in the CCSJRC, with aliases, since 1952, according to [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] "clearing the good name of the  
[REDACTED] BERGS and to free or at least get a better deal for  
MORTON SOBELL". [REDACTED]

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Source: [REDACTED]

On April 26, 1955, source advised that on April 16, 1955, a meeting was held at 3085 Lincoln Boulevard, the residence of BERTHA TEMENBAUM, to hear a talk by HELEN SOBELL (wife of MORTON SOBELL). HELEN SOBELL spoke on the arrest of her husband by authorities of Mexico; his subsequently being turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Mexican border, and his trial and conviction. The purpose of HELEN SOBELL's visit to Cleveland, according to this source, was to raise money for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL and to launch a fight for his removal from Alcatraz Prison. HELEN SOBELL exhibited newspapers from Italy, France, Sweden, and other countries "condemning" the United States of America for the arrest of SOBELL. Twenty-five persons attended this affair, according to source.

The above activity was corroborated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on April 28, 1955.

On April 28, 1955, source advised that on April 16, 1955, a reception for HELEN SOBELL was held at the home of DON WOTTON BERG, 1031 East 125th Street. Approximately 27 persons were present. Around \$100 was collected at this affair and HELEN SOBELL again made a speech on MORTON SOBELL's arrest and conviction.

The above affair was corroborated by [REDACTED] on April 26, 1955.

On [REDACTED] source furnished a copy of a two page typewritten mimeographed unsigned letter dated August 1, 1955, bearing the typed letterhead "Cleveland Sobell Committee,"

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"Cleveland, Ohio." The leaflet questioned the reasons for investigations by Congressmen of "those who have interested themselves in the ROSENBERG - SOBELL case" and answered that their (this committee's) belief is that the recent interest of Congress was due to the new book, "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG" by JOHN WEXLER, which discusses hitherto unknown contradictions and perjury in the testimony of prosecution's witnesses; the complete discrediting of HARRY GOLD, "the connecting link" in the ROSENBERG case, by a jury in Dayton, Ohio, on June 18; and "the awareness growing out of admissions" by HARVEY KATZ and other professional informers; that there has been collusion by the unscrupulous Government prosecutors and certain witnesses in fabricating testimony.

The leaflet continued by urging the recipient to write Congressman FRANCIS E. WALTER of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on behalf of those who sought review of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case by the Senate Judiciary Committee, insisting on their right to form their own opinions without becoming subject to the undemocratic pressures of the HCUA or any other "witchhunting agency"; and to send contributions to the National SOBELL Committee.

Source: Dr. HAROLD GOLD  
13138 Cedar Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

On June 15, 1955, Dr. GOLD personally called at the Cleveland Office of the FBI and turned over to SA MICHAEL H. FARREIN a one page mimeographed leaflet he received through the mail announcing an affair sponsored by the Cleveland Sobell Committee "On the Second Anniversary of the Death of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG" to be held at Hotel Sterling at East 30th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, on June 18, 1955, at 8:30 PM. The leaflet indicated that guests at the affair would be JOHN WEXLER and ALICE CAMERON of Cameron and Kahn, publishers of "The Judgment of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG". The leaflet indicated also that the admission for the affair would be one dollar.



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Source: Cleveland Police Department  
Cleveland, Ohio

The Cleveland Police Department report of Policewoman CECILIA L. ROBERTS dated June 19, 1955, was furnished SE PATRICK J. COLLINS, Jr., on June 21, 1955. This report reflects that on June 18, 1955, the Cleveland Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL sponsored an affair at Hotel Sterling featuring JOHN WEHLER and AUGUS CAMERON as speakers. CAMERON, the first speaker, spoke on the ROSENBERG and SOBELL trials and how WEHLER's new book had been used in a recent hearing at Dayton, which resulted in the acquittal of the defendants. CAMERON then introduced WEHLER, who spoke at length of the ROSENBERG and SOBELL trials and convictions. WEHLER asked those present to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. This affair was chaired by BETTA LUBAN (observed at two CP meetings in Cleveland in 1949 and 1950, according to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b 7d Cleveland Police Department, and active in numerous front organizations in Cleveland, according to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who made the collection speech. Approximately \$330.50 was collected and around 64 persons attended the affair.

The above affair was corroborated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b 7d on June 23, 1955, and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on June 20, 1955.

Source: "Cleveland Plain Dealer"  
Cleveland, Ohio

The June 19, 1955, issue of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" (daily newspaper published in Cleveland) carried an article entitled, "Writer Declares Roles Vindicated by New Evidence". The article was a report of the meeting sponsored by the Cleveland Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL held at the Hotel Sterling on the evening of June 18, 1955. The article stated that the meeting featured JOHN WEHLER as speaker and that all the "new evidence" is revealed in WEHLER's book, "The Judgment of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG". The article stated also that among those present at this meeting were DAVID and FRIDA KATZ. It is noted that DAVID KATZ was acquitted in January, 1956, by a direct verdict for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. FRIDA KATZ, indicted under the same charge as DAVID KATZ, is still on trial in Cleveland for this violation.

Source: [REDACTED]

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On July 7, 1955, this source advised that DON ROTHENBERG handled the sale of tickets in Cleveland to the ROSENBERG-SOBELL meeting held at the Hotel Sterling on June 18, 1955.

**II. TESTIMONY OF DON ROTHENBERG AND  
MILDRED ROTHENBERG BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES (HCUA)**

Source: Records  
Committee on Un-American Activities  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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On August 9, 1955, Mr. THOMAS BEALE, Chief Clerk, House Committee on Un-American Activities, made available to SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr., transcripts of public testimony taken by HCUA on August 2-5, 1955.

These transcripts revealed that on August 2, 1955, subject was subpoenaed to testify before a sub-committee of the HCUA, which hearings were conducted to ascertain whether or not organizations established throughout the United States known by various names such as "The Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case", "to Secure Clemency for the ROSENBERGS", and "to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", are exploited by the Communist Party for ideological purposes as distinguished from humane purposes, and inquiring as to the extent of the CP control or influence in the establishment and operation of such organizations.

ROTHENBERG, under oath, stated to the committee his name, date and place of birth, additional background and that he had lived in Cleveland since May 19, 1948. During this testimony ROTHENBERG, on the basis of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, refused to answer whether he joined the CP during the time he attended George Washington University in 1946-1947; what his present occupation is; and whether or not he is presently State

Director of the Progressive Party of Ohio. When asked if he had any official connection with the Cleveland Committee for Justice in the ROSENBERG Case or a similar committee, ROTHENBERG answered, "I live in Cleveland. I have taken a great personal interest in the ROSENBERG case as has Dr. VREY, His Holiness The Pope, ALBERT EINSTEIN, Chief ARDIVAN of France - - -", but ROTHENBERG invoked the Fifth Amendment when he was again asked if he had any connection with the organization in Cleveland. He also invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked if he attended a convention of the National Organization in the City of Chicago, where he was appointed by the Chairman to a position on the Organization and Finances Committee; when asked if he were an active participant in the National Organization as early as 1953; whether or not he was the Washington representative of the National Organization as stated in the September 18, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker" (East Coast Communist publication); why the Washington Office expenses of the National Organization were three times the amount given to the ROSENBERG children; how \$3,967.63 was expended for Washington Office expenses; what position ROTHENBERG held with the National Committee during the June 14-19, 1953, ROSENBERG vigil; whether he was in charge of the demonstration or any part of the demonstration; who paid \$57,809 for expenses of the delegates to the vigil; whether he made arrangements for the chartering of fifteen busses to bring people into Washington for the demonstration; whether he personally incurred an expense of \$1,167.75 for the chartering of these buses; who paid for the buses; whether or not the Communist Party had any connection with the vigil; whether ROTHENBERG was connected with any group that raised money for the ROSENBERG defense; whether or not he handled any ROSENBERG funds between 1951 and 1953; whether or not he collected or disbursed any funds; who paid for a transcript of the ROSENBERG trial; whether or not he had any connection with the National Committee for Justice to MORTON SOBELL; whether or not the Communist Party has made any contributions to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, and finally whether or not he, ROTHENBERG, is now a member of the Communist Party.

These FOIA transcripts also reflect that MILDRED ROTHENBERG, wife of DON ROTHENBERG, was then called to the witness stand at these hearings on August 2, 1955.

MILDRED ROTHENBERG stated that she lives in Cleveland and that her maiden name was CRUM. When asked if she had ever held an official position on the Cleveland Committee for Justice to the ROSENBERGs, she declined to answer on the basis of the privileges of the Fifth Amendment. She was shown an advertisement which appeared in the June 9, 1953, issue of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer", which contained the notation at the bottom of the advertisement, "The advertisement was paid for by popular subscription and sponsored by the Cleveland Committee to Secure Clemency for the ROSENBERGs, Post Office Box 410, Cleveland 21, Ohio, M. S. ROTHENBERG, Executive Secretary". MILDRED ROTHENBERG invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked if the above M. S. ROTHENBERG referred to her. When questioned, she stated that her middle initial is "S".

MILDRED ROTHENBERG was also shown another article from the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" under date of June 14, 1953, entitled "37 En route to Appeal for Spies, Many Left Wingers Board Bus for Washington". In the article was the statement, "Mrs. DON ROTHENBERG, a spokesman for the group, said that the committee had no officers." When questioned if she was correctly reported in stating that the committee had no officers, she declined to answer on the basis of the Fifth Amendment.

On the basis of the Fifth Amendment she also refused to answer if she went to Washington with the group (for the June 14-19, 1953, vigil at the White House). When asked to tell the HCUA Committee whether or not the first meeting in Cleveland held in establishing and promoting the NCSJRC was a joint meeting of the Cleveland Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and the Ohio Committee to Secure Justice for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, she stated that she had no such recollection. When asked if she were the Executive Secretary of the CCSJRC upon its foundation, she declined to answer on the basis of the Fifth Amendment. MILDRED ROTHENBERG also declined to answer on the basis of the Fifth Amendment when she was asked if she succeeded another person who quit from the latter as Executive Secretary.

When asked if she was a member of the Communist Party at any time during 1953, she invoked the Fifth Amendment. She also invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked if she was presently

a member of the CP and whether or not she had any knowledge of the disposition made for the Cleveland Committee for Justice to the ROSENBERGs of funds raised by that group for the ROSENBERG family.

III. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC  
BY CLEVELAND COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

Source: [REDACTED] b2

This source, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the financial affairs of the CSJRC, advised that this organization received on May 3, 1954, a contribution of \$100 from MILTON D. TENENBAUM of Cleveland, and on June 4, 1954, a contribution of five dollars from SABINA MUNTER of Toledo.

It may be noted that [REDACTED] b2 advised that in 1944 MILTON D. TENENBAUM was a member of the Bath Beach Club of the CP, Sixteenth Assembly District, Kings County, New York.

On June 3, 1953, [REDACTED] b7d advised that SABINA MUNTER was one of the leaders of the CP Underground in Toledo, Ohio.

IV. NCSJRC LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED IN CLEVELAND

Source: [REDACTED] b7d

On December 3, 1952, source furnished a four page newspaper issued by the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York. Page one of the newspaper contained large headlines, "ROSENBERGs Must Not Die!". This newspaper contained articles on the nation-wide opposition to the ROSENBERG conviction and asked for contributions to be sent to the NCSJRC, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

Source: [REDACTED] b7d

On December 29, 1952, source furnished a pamphlet published by the NCSJRC, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, which was distributed at a CRC meeting in Cleveland. The pamphlet was entitled "The ROSENBERG Case - A Fact Sheet", and contained background data on JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and their trial and conviction. The pamphlet asked the reader to write President TRUMAN and other Government officials asking for a reversal of the ROSENBERG decision. The pamphlet also solicited contributions and requested that they be sent to the NCSJRC, New York, New York.

Source: [REDACTED] b7d

On July 21, 1955, this source furnished a printed pamphlet which had been circulated in Cleveland entitled "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL". This printed pamphlet gave a synopsis of SOBELL's background, his arrest in Mexico, his conviction as co-defendant of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and his sentence. The pamphlet requested the reader to write a letter to the Director of Prisons, Justice Department, Washington, D. C., urging that SOBELL be removed from Alcatraz to a local Federal penitentiary. The leaflet concluded by stating that other facts and the full trial record are available at the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, New York.

On May 4, 1955, Source [REDACTED] also furnished the above described pamphlet. b7d

Source: [REDACTED] b7d

On June 21, 1955, this source furnished a printed pamphlet by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York, which contained etchings of MORTON SOBELL and JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and quotations from these persons relative to the "wrongs" which had been done them when prosecuted.

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On December 21, 1955, this source furnished a printed letter on letterhead stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, signed by ROSE SOBELL and which had enclosed a leaflet containing two poems by HELEN SOBELL. The letter thanked those who aided in attempting to gain a new trial for her son, MORTON SOBELL, and appealed for generous contributions payable to her (ROSE SOBELL) or to the SOBELL Committee to continue efforts to obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

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	Pamphlet, "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL"	7/21/55	SA BURGINS	
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T-8:		6/20/55	BENJAMIN O. CANTEY, Jr.	
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	Pamphlet, "ROSENBERG Case - a Fact Sheet"	12/29/52	KEITH A. JOHNSON & ROBERT H. ROBINSON	
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New York, NY

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See Serial  
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T-13: [REDACTED] Mimeographed letter over signature of ROSE SOBELL

12/21/55

ROBERT E. [REDACTED]  
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ROSENBERG and MORTON  
SOBELL

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1919	2-9-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	1	
1919-A	2-9-56	SA MEMO TO SAC/WAT.	4	4	
1920	3-12-56	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1	TRANSFERRED TO NO-37158
1921	2-16-56	STL SA MEMO TO SAC	4	0	
1922	2-17-56	BS REPORT	9	9	
1923	2-20-56	NH SA MEMO TO SAC	3	3	
1924	2-20-56	NH LETTER TO NY	1	1	
1924-A	2-20-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	-	NY FILE 100-37158
1925	2-21-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	-	BU FILE 101-2483
1926	2-21-56	DE LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1926-A	2-21-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
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1928	2-23-56	BA LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1929	2-24-56	NO LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1930	2-27-56	HQ AIRTEL TO WFO	2	0	REFERRED
1931	2-28-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1932	2-28-56	STL REPORT	14	10	
1933	2-24-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
1934	2-29-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1934-A	2-29-56	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1935	3-5-56	FILE CONSOLIDATION MEMO	1	1	
1936	2-29-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
1937	2-21-56	ATG MEMO TO DIRECTOR	1	0	REFERRED
1938	3-1-56	HQ LETTER TO NY	1	1	

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1939	3-5-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1940	3-5-56	BS LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1940-A	3-5-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1941	3-6-56	NH SA MEMO TO SAC	4	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
1941-A	3-7-56	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1942	3-7-56	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1942-A	3-7-56	DL LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1943	3-8-56	NY LETTER TO LA	1	1	
1943-A	3-8-56	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1944	3-8-56	NY TELETYPE TO HQ & NK	4	-	NY FILE 65-14873
1944-A	3-8-56	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1944-B	3-8-56	HQ TELETYPE TO DL	1	1	



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1944-C	3-8-56	NY TELETYPE TO HQ	1	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
1945	3-9-56	DL TELETYPE TO HQ & NY	2	2	
1946	3-9-56	NY TELETYPE TO HQ, AT, CH, DL, HO, MM, NK, NO & SA	3	-	NY FILE # 65-14873
1947	3-9-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1948	3-9-56	NK AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1949	3-9-56	ASAC MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1950	3-12-56	NH SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1951	3-12-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	1	-	NY FILE # 65-14873
1952	3-13-56	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	2	0	REFERRED
1953	3-13-56	WFO LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1954	3-13-56	PH AIRTEL TO HQ & NY	1	0	
1955	3-13-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	4	0	

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1956	3-13-56	CU LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1956-A	3-13-56	LA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	-	NY FILE # 100-109849
1957	3-14-56	SV LETTER TO NY	1	0	
1958	3-14-56	WFO AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1959	3-14-56	CH AIRTEL TO HQ	2	2	
1960	3-14-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1961	3-14-56	STL AIRTEL TO KC	1	0	
1962	3-15-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1963	3-15-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2	
1964	3-16-56	STL AIRTEL TO KC	1	0	
1965	3-19-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	5	0	
1966	3-19-56	NO AIRTEL TO NK	1	1	

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1967	3-19-56	AT AIRTEL TO HQ	3	3	
1968	3-20-56	LA AIRTEL TO HQ	1	1	
1969	3-21-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1970	3-22-56	NK LETTER TO HQ	2	2	
1971	3-22-56	LA LETTER TO HQ W/ATT	8	8	
1971	3-22-56	COPY OF ABOVE LA LETTER TO HQ	1	1	1 Dup
1972	-	MISSING			
1973	3-22-56	SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1	
1974	3-23-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1975	3-26-56	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	1	
1976	3-27-56	STL AIRTEL TO HQ	1	0	
1977	3-27-56	NY AIRTEL TO HQ	2	-	BU FILE 65-58286